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Uncapped? No worries, IPL can make you rich

SEVERAL PLAYERS WHO HAVE NOT PLAYED FOR INDIA HAD THEIR BIGGEST PAY DAY AT THE IPL MINI AUCTION. A LOOK

LIFE-CHANGING DAY

Kartik Sharma (19), ₹14.2 cr. Prashant Veer (20), ₹14.2 cr. Mangesh Yadav (23), ₹5.2 cr. And **Auqib Nabi** (29), ₹8.4 cr. From 19 to 29 year old, these uncapped players' lives will change forever. If Veer's father is a contractual teacher in UP earning ₹10,000 a month and supporting a family, Nabi began his journey in Baramulla where there is hardly any cricket infrastructure. For Sharma, it is a reward for pursuing a sport his father too pursued as a profession. Their houses burst into emotional celebrations. If the youngsters were spotted by scouts during state T20 leagues, for Nabi, it was a reward after years of toil without much return | **P17**

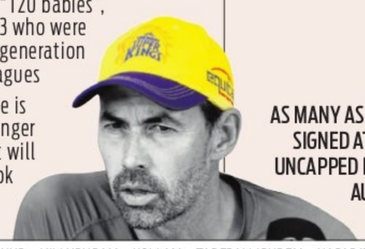
OVERSEAS STARS REVEL

Australian all-rounder Cameron Green became the highest-paid overseas star, signed by Kolkata Knight Riders for ₹25.5 crore. **Matheesa Pathirana** (₹18 crore) and Mustafizur Rahman (₹9.2 crore) were also signed by KKR who made the most of the big purse. Sunrisers Hyderabad saved up their purse and went after Liam Livingstone (₹13 crore) while Lucknow Super Giants went big for Josh Inglis (₹8.6 crore). The trend continued with overseas seamers and explosive all-rounders in great demand

THE TOP 3 HIGHEST-PAID PLAYERS

T20 GENERATION IN DEMAND

- CSK head coach **Stephen Fleming** called them the "T20 babies", up and coming stars in domestic cricket between 19-23 who were scouted and fought for at the auction table. This is a generation that grew up on IPL and were spotted in state T20 leagues
- It helped that this was a mini-auction and the purse is as big as it gets, but teams were keen to invest in younger talent with the T20 game evolving faster than ever. It will be interesting to see how these players and teams look by the time next mega auction comes along



₹215.45 cr
TOTAL MONEY SPENT AT THE AUCTION

35
AS MANY AS 35 OF THE 77 PLAYERS SIGNED AT THE AUCTION ARE UNCAPPED INDIANS (1 UNCAPPED AUSTRALIAN)

CHENNAI ▪ MADURAI ▪ VIJAYAWADA ▪ BENGALURU ▪ KOCHI ▪ HYDERABAD ▪ VISAKHAPATNAM ▪ COIMBATORE ▪ KOZHIKODE ▪ THIRUVANANTHAPURAM ▪ BELAGAVI ▪ BHUBANESWAR ▪ SHIVAMOGGA ▪ MANGALURU ▪ TIRUPATI ▪ TIRUCHY ▪ TIRUNELVELI ▪ SAMBALPUR ▪ HUBBALLI ▪ DHARMAPURI ▪ KOTTAYAM ▪ KANNUR ▪ VILLUPURAM ▪ KOLLAM ▪ TADEPALLIGUDEM ▪ NAGAPATTINAM ▪ THRISSUR ▪ KALABURAGI

Bondi Beach assailant had roots in Hyderabad

Sajid migrated to Australia in '98; no India connect to radicalisation

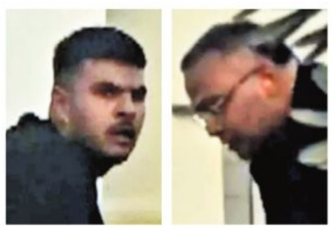
CHITHALURI REVANTH AND BALA CHAUHAN @ Hyderabad/ Bengaluru

SAJID Akram, 50, one of the perpetrators of the Bondi Beach mass murder in Sydney, had migrated from Hyderabad to Australia in November 1998, Telangana Director General of Police B Shivadhar Reddy said on Tuesday.

Sajid and his son Naveed, 24, massacred Jews on Sunday while the latter were observing the first day of Hanukkah, killing 15 people. Sajid was shot dead on the spot by the police while Naveed was injured. After the attack, the Australian police raided Sajid's house and found his Doodhbowli in Hyderabad address on his passport, sources told this daily.

A commerce graduate from an autonomous minority college in Hyderabad, Sajid migrated to Australia on student visa in search of better livelihood. His student visa was transferred in 2001 to a partner visa and later Resident Return Visas.

"His first job was as a salesman in a mall in Sydney. He later married Venera Grosso of European origin. The couple had two children — 24-year-old son Naveed (the second Bondi shooter) and a daughter. Since 1998, Sajid visited Hyderabad on six occasions primarily for property issues. His last visit was in 2022, to settle his property share with his elder brother, who lives with their widowed mother and his family in Tolichowki in Hyderabad. The relationship between the siblings was not courteous," sources on condition of anonymity told this newspaper.



(From left) Naveed and Sajid Akram

ISIS footprint

According to unconfirmed reports, Naveed was associated with Isaac El Matari from Sydney, who had declared himself the IS commander for Australia and was jailed in 2021 for terrorist offences

Sajid did not even show up when his father died in 2009. His dad worked for the UAE army and returned to Hyderabad after retirement. That is when he built the house in Tolichowki.

"The family is in shock because Sajid never displayed any extremist ideology. Surprisingly, he did not have many friends in Hyderabad, who could throw light on his radicalisation," the sources added.

The DGP said the factors that led to their radicalisation appear to have no connection with India.

In Australia, Sajid obtained a firearm licence for 'recreational hunting'. Weeks ahead of the Bondi massacre, Sajid and Naveed flew to the Philippines and received "military training". They arrived on November 1 and left on November 28. Sajid had travelled using his Indian passport. Naveed is an Australian citizen. He was earlier assessed by authorities in 2019 for his alleged links with IS but was cleared for not posing any ongoing threat.

G-Ram-G Bill introduced in LS amid din

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

THE Lok Sabha on Tuesday witnessed fierce protests from Opposition members after the government introduced a new bill to replace the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act. Several Opposition MPs demanded that the new bill—Viksit Bharat Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) (VB-G RAM G) Bill, 2025—be sent to a Parliamentary panel.

Amid the buzz that the government is determined to clear the bill in the current session, INDIA bloc leaders have decided to meet at Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge's chamber at 10.15 am on Wednesday for a strategy session.

The Congress has also issued a Whip mandating its MPs to be present in the Lok Sabha for the next three days as VB-G RAM G and other key legislations are likely to come up for consideration and passage.

On Tuesday, after introducing VB-G RAM G Bill, Union minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said the government not only believes in Gandhi but also follows his principles.

CONG'S NATIONWIDE PROTESTS TODAY

The Congress will hold protests across the country on Wednesday against VB-G RAM, alleging the Centre is trying to dismantle a rights-based welfare scheme and attack Mahatma Gandhi's legacy. Senior leader K C Venugopal, in a letter to all state Congress chiefs, urged them to organise protests at all district headquarters

Leading the attack, Congress MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra said the bill would eliminate the legal guarantee of employment for rural workers and increase the financial burden on states. She alleged it will give the Centre power to pre-determine the funds and the areas of allocation, thereby ending the demand-based system.

Congress MP Shashi Tharoor termed the bill a retrograde step, saying the 40% financial burden on states will lead to "delays in wage payments, a reduction in the number of workdays, and ultimately the destruction of the scheme itself".

After staging a walkout from the House, the Opposition leaders held a protest at the Mahatma Gandhi statue in the Parliament complex.

Separately, in a post on X, Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi alleged Prime Minister Narendra Modi had always opposed the ideas of Mahatma Gandhi and had been trying to weaken the rural employment scheme. "Modiji has a deep hatred for two things — the ideas of Mahatma Gandhi and the rights of the poor," he said.

25 KILLED IN U.P. ROAD ACCIDENTS IN A DAY

MAJOR PILE-UP

Cranes clear the charred remains of a bus after a fog-hit pile-up involving several buses and cars triggered fires on the Yamuna Expressway in Mathura on Tuesday morning. At least 13 were killed. In all, across UP, 25 people were killed and 59 injured in a series of fog-linked accidents. Inset: People help an injured person | PTI

Court rejects Herald case chargesheet

UDAYAN KISHORE @ New Delhi

IN a huge relief to Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi, a Delhi court on Tuesday refused to take cognisance of a chargesheet filed against them by Enforcement Directorate (ED) in a money laundering case in the National Herald case.

Special Judge Vishal Gogne said the prosecution complaint (ED's equivalent to a chargesheet) filed by ED under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) was not maintainable since the case was not filed on the basis of an FIR.

Sonia Gandhi

The court, however, said that since Delhi Police has registered an FIR in the matter, ED can make further submissions in the case, if it wants.

Apart from Gandhis, Suman Dubey, Sam Pitroda, Young Indian, Dotex Merchandise and Sunil Bhandari were also accused in the case.

"Cognisance of the offence (of money laundering) defined under Section 3 and punishable under Section 4 is declined. The complaint is dismissed," the court said.

The ED initiated its probe based on a private complaint filed by BJP leader Subramanian Swamy accusing Gandhis and others of cheating, criminal conspiracy, breach of trust and misappropriation.

LUTHRAS EXTRADITED

Gaurav and Saurabh Luthra, co-owners of ill-fated Goa nightclub, deported from Thailand | P11

Bengal SIR: 58L voters out of revised poll rolls

SUBHENDU MAITI @ Kolkata

WITH deletions of more than 58 lakh alleged dead and bogus voters from the list, Election Commission of India (ECI) on Tuesday released the draft electoral rolls for West Bengal after completing phase one of Special Intensive Revision (SIR).

As per the draft electoral rolls, the names of 7,08,16,631 voters were included in the rolls in West Bengal's phase 1 of SIR.

The ECI has identified about 1.66 crores out of these voters who may be called for hearings to verify their documents again.

In January, 2025, there were 7,66,37,529 voters on the list. With 58,20,898 voters, who are either dead or have permanently shifted, dropped, the official electors is now 7,08,16,631.

The commission said the deletion list includes voters whose names appeared in the January 2025 electoral rolls but do not figure in the post-SIR draft rolls.

With assembly elections likely early next year, the draft rolls — along with a detailed, booth-wise list of deleted voters and reasons for deletion — have been uploaded on the West Bengal Chief Electoral Officer's (CEO) website (ceowestbengal.wb.gov.in/Electors), the ECI voter portal (voters.eci.gov.in) and ECINET application.

Voters can get their names checked in the draft rolls either online or offline, the commission said.

A press statement issued by office of the state CEO Manoj Kumar Agarwal said all claims and objections in the draft rolls can be made between December 16 and January 15, 2026. Hearing and verifications will be made from December 16 to February 7. Final rolls will be out on February 14.

CM for 5 yrs? Brass will decide: Siddu

SUNIL PATIL @Belagavi

THE simmering leadership tussle within ruling Congress spilled onto the floor of the Legislative Assembly on Monday, with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah acknowledging that the party high command will take the final decision on his continuation, even as he asserted that the Congress government will complete its full five-year term.

The politically charged exchange unfolded during the question hour when Leader of the Opposition R Ashoka asked whether Siddaramaiah would remain chief minister till the end of the term amid growing speculation over leadership change.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah speaks in the Assembly in Belagavi on Tuesday

As the debate intensified, Siddaramaiah urged the opposition "not to add fuel to the fire", prompting Ashoka to retort that if a fire had indeed broken out within Congress, the House deserved to know whether Siddaramaiah would continue as chief minister.

Hitting back, Siddaramaiah said he would serve the full term and pointed out that Congress received a clear people's mandate, unlike BJP, which he alleged came to power earlier through "Operation Lotus". He also dismissed BJP charges of Congress seeking JDS support in the past, saying it was JDS that approached Congress and not the other way around.

Offering a clarification later, Siddaramaiah said that while his position ultimately rests with the Congress high command, he is confident of completing five years and leading the party back to power in the next Assembly elections.

As mechanic lay dying on road, no one helped

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

IN a heart-wrenching incident that has raised serious concerns about public apathy and humanity, a 34-year-old mechanic died after suffering a cardiac arrest on the road, allegedly following the failure of a private hospital to provide him an ambulance. His wife's desperate pleas for help from passersby for nearly 10 minutes went unanswered. The incident occurred in the early hours of December 12 at Kadirenahalli in Banashankari.

The deceased, Venkataramanan, is survived by his wife Roopa, five-year-old son, and a one-and-a-half-year-old daughter. Roopa on Tuesday said that their ordeal began around 3.30 am when Venkataramanan vomited at home and complained of mild chest discomfort. **CONTINUED ON: P5**

Edu in mess: Severe faculty shortage cripples varsities

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @ Bengaluru

A severe shortage of teaching and non-teaching staff has crippled the functioning of universities in the state. While older institutions are seeing an acute shortage of faculty, newly carved universities are functioning without adequate teachers or government funds. This has forced new universities to steeply increase the fee structure, leading to lesser enrolment of students.

Reputed and premier universities, including the University of Mysore, Karnatak University in Dharwad and Mangalore University, are facing nearly a 70% shortage in teaching staff. With no recruitment at regular intervals, these institutions are largely dependent on guest faculty. But this has led to lack of accountability, impacting the quality of education, academics say.

Also, five out of 32 state universities do not have full-fledged vice-chancellors, as per information provided by Higher Education Minister Dr MC Sudhakar during the ongoing winter session of the Legislative Council in Belagavi. He was replying to an unstarred question by BJP MLC CT Ravi. Bangalore University, which was trifurcated a few years ago, has been affected severely.

During its previous tenure, the BJP government implemented 'One District, One University' policy that created several district universities that were carved out of existing universities. Of the ten such universities formed, including in Koppal, Kodagu, Haveri, Bagalkot and Hassan, all, except the one in Bidar, were found to be not viable. The government has since decided to merge these universities back with their parent institutions. But there is a stiff opposition to that.

Sources in the Higher Education Department said the state government created new universities and passed Acts governing them. **P7**

EXPRESS READ

Tiger caught in snare dies in estate near Nagarahole

Bengaluru: A five-year-old male tiger was found dead, caught in a snare in a coffee estate near Nagarahole Tiger Reserve (NTR) on Tuesday morning. "The injury reveals the tiger was caught in the snare two days ago. The tiger dragged itself while trying to come free for two days, and died of asphyxiation," said Abhishek V, DCF, Madikeri | **P6**

B'luru short film goes to Sundance Film Festival

Bengaluru: Bengaluru-based filmmaker Anooya Swamy's debut short film 'Pankaja' has been officially selected for the 2026 Sundance Film Festival. 'Pankaja' follows a young woman's search for her husband, a migrant labourer. **P2**

Lokayukta raids reveal ₹18.2cr DA of 4 officials

Bengaluru: The Lokayukta police on Tuesday unearthed disproportionate assets (DA) of Rs 18.20 crore possessed by four officials of the state government. The raids were conducted at 21 places in Mandya, Dharwad, Hospet and Shivamogga. **P5**

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• Wednesday: 17.12.2025 • Year: Vishwavasu • Ayana: Dakhsinayana
• Ritu: Himanth • Masa: Margasira • Paksha: Krishna • Tithi: Thrayodasi 1.52 am
• Nakshatra: Vishaka 5.25 pm • Moon in Vrischika rashi • Rahukaala: 12:00 pm to 01:30 pm
• Gulikakala: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm • Yamaganda: 07:30 am to 09:00 am

WEATHER

MIN 16°C | MAX 27°C

FORECAST
Breaks of sun late

Sunrise 06.34 am
Sunset 05.56 pm
Moonrise 04.08 am
Moonset 03.43 pm

Micro climate plan for each ward on anvil, 1st in country

Tailor-made solutions to tackle flooding, groundwater depletion

AKNISREE KARTHIK @ Bengaluru

IN a first-of-its-kind micro-level climate planning initiative in the country, Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) is developing a 'ward-level climate action plan', where climate planning is done exclusively for wards in the city. It includes assessing climatic challenges bothering the wards, such as urban flooding, air pollution, water stress, and addressing them with scientific, tailor-made solutions.

The authority is selecting two wards from each of the five city corporations, and to begin with, Shanthinagar ward, falling under Bengaluru Central City Corporation, has been selected.

"The ward-level action plan is the first micro-level planning initiative taken up in India. Instead of planning for the whole state or city with a common action plan, the climate action plan will be done at the ward level, with tailor-made solutions to tackle them. Each ward has its own set of climatic problems. Like some wards in low-lying areas are prone to floods, others may be subject to severe groundwater depletion. So the idea is to map the issues of each ward along with experts from the field with the support of NGOs, find solutions and address them," said Ramachandran R, Special Commissioner FECCM (Forest, Environment, Climate Change and Mobility), Disaster Management, Public Relations and Coordination.

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Sharing details on the kind of actions to be taken with micro-planning, Ramachandran said, "For example, the topography of the ward will be studied along with green cover, extent of concretisation, rainfall patterns etc and taken up with Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre (KSNDMC) and experts from different fields. With the data gathered, flood modelling and other models will be developed for the selected ward. If the ward is flood-prone, measures will be taken to avert floods by setting up rainwater collection pits, setting right stormwater drains, etc. Likewise, suitable action for each ward will be arrived at after brainstorming with experts."

He said issues from ward residents will also be collected through citizen consultations. "The ward-level climate action plan for the selected wards is expected to be ready by January or February next year," Ramachandran said.

He said that based on the response to pilot wards, more of the total 369 wards will be selected for climate micro-planning.

Members of South Bengaluru Cares stage a protest against GBA over removal of stray dogs, at Freedom Park in Bengaluru on Tuesday. | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

Protest against GBA over stray dogs

Bengaluru: Around a hundred concerned citizens, including students, gathered at Freedom Park on Tuesday and protested against the Greater Bengaluru Authority's (GBA) manner of implementation of the Supreme Court ruling on removal of stray dogs from public areas such as educational and health institutions and transport hubs. The protesters raised concern over alleged misconstrual of the order, a denial to follow the chronology of operations and a lack of communication by the GBA. Recalling the mass culling of street dogs in Bengaluru in 2007, Karnataka Animal Welfare Board animal welfare warden Aniruddha Ravindra said, "The present circumstance cannot, under any condition, be allowed to turn into a repetition (of the 2007 mass culling)." South Bengaluru Cares founder Manjari Chaitanya said it is baffling that the GBA, which had in the past (as Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike) maintained steady dialogue with NGOs whose "pet project" is the welfare of animals, especially strays, stopped it. "We only ask that they maintain the same relationship. They are the legal custodians of the stray dogs; they should do what is lawfully right," she added. ENS

Survey to be done for Bellandur Lake buffer zone road

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@Bengaluru

GBA Chief Commissioner M Maheshwar Rao on Tuesday directed officials to conduct a detailed survey and submit a report on the construction of a road within the Bellandur Lake buffer zone.

While inspecting various locations within Bengaluru East and South City Corporation limits on Tuesday, he stated that constructing this road will significantly reduce traffic congestion in the area. He instructed officials to examine the land parcels falling within the buffer zone and assess the feasibility of constructing the road with a comprehensive survey, followed by submission of a detailed report.

"To mitigate traffic congestion along the Bellandur Lake bund road, a road of approximately 1 km length and 24 metre width is being developed, incorporating provisions for public movement and recreational use. Once completed, it is expected to substantially reduce traffic congestion in the area," Rao said.

He said that as an alternative to Wind Tunnel Road, steps have already been initiated for the construction of a 1.4 km-long buffer road. "The land identified for this project belongs to HAL, and HAL authorities have given consent for the construction of the road. Tenders have been invited, and a proposal is being submitted for government approval. Officials were instructed to commence the work at the earliest," he said.

"Inspected the ongoing construction of a 2.6 km-long buffer road from Ejipura Inner Ring Road to Sarjapur Outer Ring Road. As defence land lies adjacent to the buffer road, an RCC retaining wall has been constructed along that stretch," Rao said after reviewing the progress of the earthen road built. B-SMILE officials were directed to accelerate the pace of work and complete the road at the earliest, he added.

The Ejipura-Sarjapur buffer road is being constructed with a width of 24 metres at an estimated cost of Rs 44 crore. Once completed, it will directly connect Ejipura and Sarjapur Roads, significantly reducing traffic congestion in this corridor.

GBA chief Maheshwar Rao during an inspection at Bellandur Lake on Tuesday

KSCA president Venkatesh Prasad speaks to the press in Mysuru on Tuesday

Chinnaswamy to host IPL '26 opener: Venky

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mysuru

IN what could be good news for cricket fans, the M Chinnaswamy Stadium is likely to host the opening match and ceremony of the IPL 2026 season.

Revealing this during his visit to Mysuru on Tuesday, newly elected Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) president Venkatesh Prasad said that oral consent had been received from the state government.

Prasad said the IPL opener is traditionally held at the home venue of the previous season's champions. However, uncertainty had arisen following the stampede incident during the RCB victory celebration in July.

"After the new KSCA office-bearers assumed charge, discussions were initiated with the state government to address all safety and logistical concerns. A green signal has been given in this regard," he said.

Prasad added that Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar have given their nod.

City gets first Gen Z post office at Acharya Institute

RASHMI PATIL @Bengaluru

IN an era of emails, WhatsApp and SMS, India Post has decided to woo college students with its 'Gen Z' post offices in the city. To begin with these post offices are coming up at the Acharya Institute of Technology, GITAM University and National Law School of India University.

Speaking to *The New Indian Express*, Harsha MR, Assistant Superintendent, Bengaluru West Division Post Office, said, "The first Gen Z post office at the Acharya Institute of Technology college campus will be inaugurated on Wednesday in the city. It is officially called, 'Gen Z Post Office, Achit Nagar, Bengaluru with a pincode-560107.' It has been designed creatively and painted by students of the institute with various graffiti. This initiative is to bring postal services closer to students, researchers and the campus community."

He added, "In Gen Z post office, we have introduced two categories--in one category, students can come and work with our staff and get good experience, know more about the schemes and services available under India Post. In another category, they can work with us part time and they will be provided with incentives but it is still in the pipeline and yet to be implemented. They can use the services to communicate with students across the campuses also. Unlike other post offices, it is a blend of physical and digital world giving students WiFi services, air conditioned rooms and even coffee vending machines which Gen Z prefer to use."

Harsha said student representatives who will be in-charge of the campus work at post offices within the campus are yet to be decided.

"A roster will be prepared and different students will be given tasks to serve at various service counters. A senior post master will be incharge of Gen Z post offices and he will guide the students."

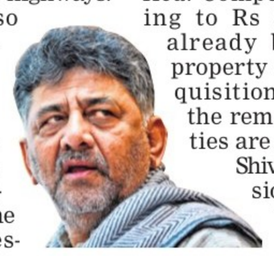
An India Post official said that Gen Z post offices will be launched in three other divisions of Bengaluru which are North, South and East.

Jalahalli underpass: DCM to call meeting, resolve issues

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Belagavi

DEPUTY Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Tuesday said a meeting with officials concerned would be convened shortly to resolve the issues delaying the commencement of the Jalahalli underpass project, a key infrastructure work on one of Bengaluru's major entry highways.

Shivakumar, also Bengaluru in-charge Minister, was responding to Dasarahalli MLA Muniraj S during question hour in the Legislative Assembly as part of the ongoing winter session at Suvarna Vidhana Soudha here. The MLA wanted the government to pay compensation to the remaining land owners immediately.



The Jalahalli underpass project, estimated at Rs 57.22 crore, was awarded in 2021 to M/s PJB Engineers Pvt Ltd. For land acquisition, 48 property owners have been identified. Compensation amounting to Rs 85.70 crore has already been paid to 22 property owners, while acquisition proceedings for the remaining 26 properties are pending.

Shivakumar said discussions would be held with the remaining landowners.

IN TOP LEAGUE

B'luru filmmaker's 'Pankaja' makes it to Sundance

DHIYA VEER @Bengaluru

BENGALURU-based independent filmmaker **Anooya Swamy's** debut short film 'Pankaja' has been officially selected for screening at the 2026 Sundance Film Festival. This marks the first-ever Kannada short film by a Bangalorean director to screen at the prestigious global platform.

Born and raised in Bengaluru, 26-year-old Swamy's film draws deeply from her personal world, particularly her relationship with her mother, to tell a story that is both intimate and a social commentary. 'Pankaja' follows a young woman searching for her husband, a migrant labourer who has been missing for three days. As the search unfolds, the film reveals the murky ecosystem surrounding illegal work, labour exploitation and everyday corruption, set against real locations, including an operational police station and a quarry located near a water body.

Shot largely in areas such as Agara and Malleshwaram, the film was completed with a predominantly Bengaluru-based crew, with Swamy describing the experience as her "first time truly shooting at home". The cast included first-time actors, including a young child, with the writing process evolving collaboratively alongside the performers. Blending fiction with documentary-style realism, Swamy describes the film as forcing characters and audiences into uncomfortable moral spaces.

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Swamy is currently pursuing a four-year filmmaking programme at New York University's Tisch School of the Arts, where she also worked as a teaching assistant to Oscar-winning filmmaker Spike Lee. She is a Sundance Institute Ignite x Adobe Fellow and has received multiple international scholarships, including the BAFTA and Ang Lee scholarships.

Speaking about the film selection, Swamy said the moment felt "surreal," adding that she was grateful and excited to share a Bengaluru rooted story on a global stage. Pankaja, completed over a year, explores grief, guilt and moral ambiguity with humour and humanity.

Horoscopes By Holiday

HOLIDAY MATHIS

17th December : Joy Is a Pebble It's double lunar water-sign trines today, rippling out with lovely symmetry and rhythm. This calm happiness comes from simply being tuned to joy. It's the perfect song for the moment. It's overheard laughter. It's a small dog acting big or a big dog acting small. It's those tiny moments dropped like a pebble into a glassy lake that connect us like an ever-expanding circle.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
The destination mindset might work for a vacation or a game, but it doesn't work for the things that matter. Important things need a mindset of practice. Love, relationships, health -- it's built over again every day.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 - May 20)
The way you show up becomes what people remember about you. Your mood reads, your kindness makes an impression, and your attitude changes the plot. It matters today because someone chooses a path based on an interaction with you.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21)
Knowledge, compliments and skin cream are all things that must be absorbed before they start to work for you. Today, you'll soak in your experiences, giving each moment a second to settle before you sprint ahead.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22)
Something in your world feels off. That's your aesthetic intuition talking. It's the part of you that cares about harmony, beauty and intention. Adjust what needs adjusting. You're the artist here. Make your world match your vision.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22)
You're facing a high-quality dilemma. It's the kind of problem that only shows up when life has improved -- all these quality options to choose from. Some might call it an embarrassment of riches. You'll sort it with gratitude in your heart.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)
The value you offer doesn't have to come only from you. Your network is a treasure you can share, too. Today, you'll connect people who need each other, helping expertise and opportunity flow in the right direction.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23)
Be careful who you involve at this tender point in the creative process. When your idea is brand-new, it's fragile, and you don't want it to be changed by someone else's doubts or enthusiasm. It's too early for outside influence.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21)
Having to be right all the time is exhausting and very boring. It keeps one living defensively and, in the past, scrambling for evidence to support stances and claims instead of living and learning in the moment. You'll liberate yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)
There are many things that can expand your sense of what's possible. Conversations, brilliant media, travel and even your own dreams. You're ready for an experience that broadens your mind, sharpens your perception and delights your spirit. Here it comes!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)
People who signal superiority are usually showing insecurity instead. Try to meet it with patience. They need extra care, not confrontation. What looks like a problem could actually be an opportunity to build a meaningful and unexpected bond.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
Do enough people know what you do? Are they the ones who'll truly benefit from it? Today, you'll ask the right questions about your audience, make a few adjustments and see a real boost in what comes back to you.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - Mar 20)
Each person brings out a different side of you. Today, people will not do what you expect, and your reactions will surprise you. It's exciting to realize that each new person is a chance to know yourself more completely.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

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SUDOKU EASY

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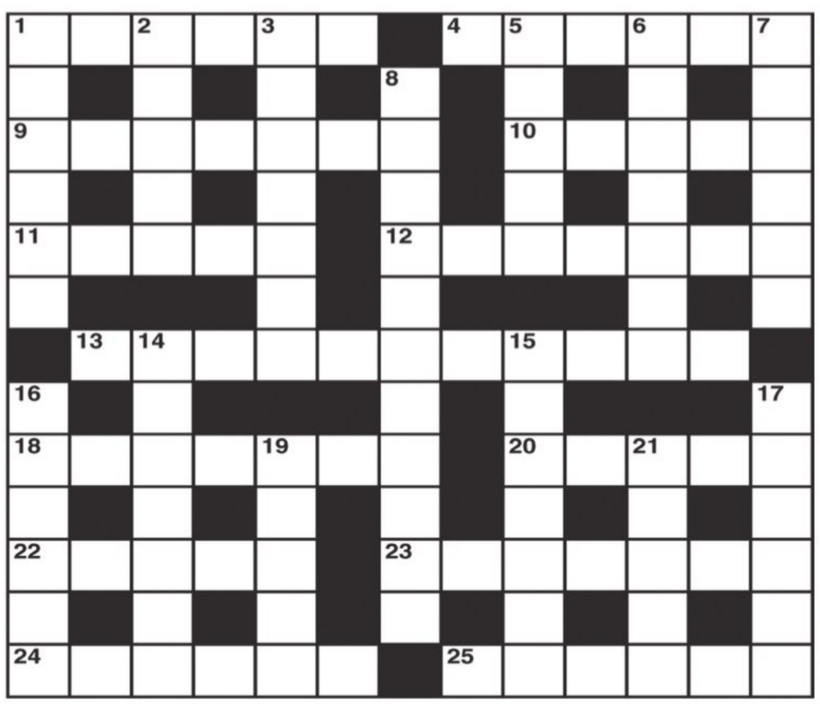

CROSS WORD

ACROSS

1 Import fruit (6)
4 A French wine cartel broken up (6)
9 Tone down a painting emulsion (7)
10 Machine age? (5)
11 Maybe Poe's a past master of fabulous tales (5)
12 Understatement in T S Eliot play (7)
13 Briefly where a squirrel finds food (2,1,8)
18 Part of a religious faction I get on with (7)
20 Pull in first behind another vehicle (2,3)
22 One sort of wood that's without flaws (5)
23 Beginning a letter (7)
24 Public Relations in place? That's the spirit! (6)
25 A new stage setting may include them (6)

DOWN

1 Catch ten out with a quick blow (6)
2 Is angry and emits smoke (5)
3 Depreciate each new writer (7)
5 Solicitors hold it to be permissible (5)
6 Novel article and story (7)
7 Religion is embraced by them (6)
8 Bat, net and lines set out for the game (5,6)
14 Type of explosion that blew Ur clean away (7)
15 Ordering a taxi when the weather is bad? (7)
16 Detects men who endanger Western security (6)
17 Doesn't go in for reducing like posh people (6)
19 Opening for a craftsman (5)
21 Article in the wash causes a stain (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Sifting, 5 Costs, 8 Exercise books, 9 Reset, 10 Entitle, 11 Behest, 12 Assist, 15 Impeach, 17 Laced, 19 Filled the bill, 20 Yield, 21 Resists.

Down: 1 Steer, 2 Feels the pulse, 3 Incites, 4 Gashed, 5 Cabot, 6 Short circuits, 7 Suspect, 11 Briefly, 13 Solders, 14 Whiter, 16 Ahead, 18 Dolls.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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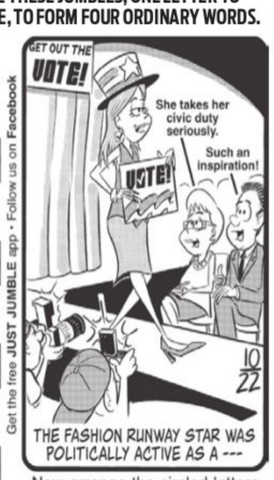
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: DOUGH MOVIE INNING NOVICE
Answer: They hadn't yet decided which new house to buy, but they were — HOMING IN ON ONE

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Cabbies protest pick-up rules at KIA, cops resort to lathicharge

Flyers to and from airport hit by traffic disruptions; a few cabs attacked

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

OVER 2,000 cab drivers on Tuesday staged a massive protest near the toll plaza at Sadahalli, opposing the new traffic management and kerbside pick-up policy at Terminal 1 (T1) and Terminal 2 (T2) of KIA.

Passengers travelling to and from the airport were affected due the protest as it led to disruptions on the approach road, prompting the police to resort to a mild lathicharge to disperse the cab drivers.

The protest, led by Karnataka Chalakara Okoota (Karnataka Drivers' Federation), began at 9 am and went on till 11 am. The police resorted to a mild lathicharge when a few airport-bound cabs were attacked by some protesters.

Under the new policy, entry to the designated arrival zone at both terminals is free. But vehicles will be fined for overstaying beyond eight minutes -- Rs 150 for eight to 13 minutes and Rs 300 for 13 to 18 minutes. Vehicles overstaying beyond 18 minutes will be towed away. All commercial vehicles, including yellow-board and electric cabs, should only be parked at the designated parking zones.

Okoota president G Narayanaswamy told *TNIE* that the policy has hit drivers hard. "Now, vehicles are allowed only for drop-off at P1. For pick-up, we are forced to go to P4, which is nearly 1.25 km away. Earlier, passengers would call us and we could pick them up directly from the terminal," he said. "Even an eight-minute delay attracts a fine of Rs 150. What may seem small to some is a huge burden for drivers," he said.

Claiming that nearly 15,000 drivers are affected daily, Narayanaswamy alleged that the system has been monetised through parking charges and dedicated lanes for select private operators. If no corrective action is taken, drivers will intensify their protest at the airport parking area in the coming days, he said.

Meanwhile, passengers said that the new arrangement forces them to walk for over 15 minutes after landing, navigating lengthy walkways while carrying luggage. The most hit are the elderly, parents with children and those having more luggage. A few unhappy passengers said, "BIAL has designed an obstacle course before we can get into our taxis at T1 arrivals. Anyone with baggage, kids or elders will struggle."

They urged BIAL not to create problems, but to go back to the old system.

BIAL defends move

"The updated arrival-pick-up system at KIA is based on the practices adopted at leading airports globally. We are continuously monitoring its implementation. While transitions of this nature can encounter some resistance initially, nearly 95% of passengers are currently comfortable with the new system," said a BIAL spokesperson.

BIAL stated that some genuine issues have been identified and feedback is being addressed systematically keeping passenger-experience at the centre. Progress is closely monitored to ensure the system stabilises over the next 30 days.

ARRIVE EARLY: KIA WARNS OF WEATHER-RELATED DELAYS

Bengaluru Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) issued an advisory on Tuesday warning of possible delays due to inclement weather in the coming days, despite suffering no delay or cancellation on the day. It followed Monday's 48 delayed and four cancelled flights at the airport from 4.14 am to 10.30 am, owing to reduced visibility due to early-morning fog. "Due to forecasted (sic) low visibility caused by fog over the next few days, there may be flight delays and road traffic congestion on the routes to the airport," stated the advisory. Passengers, besides being asked to arrive to the airport early to factor in potential delays on the road and the time required to complete the security formalities, are also advised to reach out to the following numbers for further assistance, should they require it: 080-66785555, 080-47406666. **ENS**

COMFORTING HANDS

A man wraps his child in warm clothes as the city experiences chilly weather with cloudy skies on Tuesday. Bengaluru is reeling under a cold wave with temperatures ranging from 14-24 degrees Celsius | VINOD KUMAR T

PSI suspended for extorting ₹1.6 lakh from shop owner

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

A police sub-inspector (PSI) attached to the Kaggalipura police station has been suspended for extorting Rs 1.6 lakh from a shop owner. The officer reportedly threatened the shop owner of filing a false case of issuing fake Aadhaar cards if the money was not given. The PSI, Harish, was suspended by the Bengaluru South district Superintendent of Police on Monday.

"The sub-inspector was suspended on Monday on charges of corruption," R Srinivas Gowda, Superintendent of Police (SP), Bengaluru South district, said.

Rajesh, owner of a photocopy shop who was also running a juice centre in Kanakapura, is said to have given Rs 1.6 lakh to the sub-inspector. There were allegations that Rajesh was providing fake Aadhaar cards. Based on these allegations, the sub-inspector threatened to frame him and took the money from him on October 29. Since there was proper evidence against the sub-inspector, he was suspended following an inquiry.

"The shop owner had approached the office of the Inspector General of Police (IGP). The incident happened when Harish was serving earlier at the Channapatna sub-division before being transferred to the Kaggalipura police station. The complainant is said to have given Rs one lakh in cash and the remaining money by scanning at a petrol bunk in Channapatna. The case is being investigated by a DySP rank officer," said an officer.

After the incident came to light, photographs of a few policemen near Rajesh's shop had gone viral. The shop owner had also approached the home minister in this regard and the SP was asked to look into the issue.

Further investigations are on.

For free pani puri, drunk man stabs vendor

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

A 30-year-old inebriated man was arrested for attempting to murder a roadside chaat vendor for not giving him a plate of pani puri for free. The victim, who was stabbed twice, is said to have run to a nearby hospital and obtained timely treatment. The public caught hold of the accused and handed him to the police.

The victim was identified as 40-year-old Kumaraswamy, a resident of Hanumanthanagar in Kanakapura town. The accused was R Santhosh, a resident of Malagala in Kanakapura. The incident happened on Monday, between 4.30pm and 4.40pm, near Chamundeshwari Rice Mill in Malagala in Kanakapura town.

Santhosh was working in a nearby cement shop, where the victim was selling chaat. On Monday, he threatened Kumaraswamy for humiliating him publicly. The accused, who was sitting on a stone bench, pulled a knife out of his pocket and stabbed Kumaraswamy.

"My husband is out of danger. The accused stabbed my husband near the throat and on the stomach. He received seven sutures for the cut. The accused is said to have been troubling my husband for the last two months, demanding chaat for free. The accused would come regularly after drinking. My husband ignored his threats," Kumaraswamy's wife K Divya said in a complaint.

A case of attempt to murder under Section 109 of the BNS was registered against the accused. Kanakapura Town police are investigating.

EXPRESS READ

Pvt hosps failing to update HMIS data to face action

The health and family welfare commissioner has issued strict directions to private hospitals to report data on the Health Management Information System (HMIS) portal, stating that not updating or incomplete reporting of data are adversely affecting the monitoring of health programmes. The commissioner noted that such incomplete data directly impact the evaluation, performance assessment and progress of state and national health programmes. District authorities have also been directed to identify private hospitals providing immunisation and vaccination services that are registered under the UWIN and KPME portals but are not yet created on the HMIS portal. Such hospitals must be added immediately and instructed to begin updating data. **ENS**

Maternity hosps in West City Corporation set for upgradation

Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) Chief Commissioner M Maheshwar Rao has instructed the strengthening of the Maternity Hospital in the West Division. His instructions came following an inspection to the Corporation on Tuesday and stated that directions have been given to revamp Mudalapalya Maternity Hospital, Hosakerehalli Maternity Hospital, MC Layout Multi-Speciality Hospital, and Srirampura Maternity Hospital. The Chief Commissioner's visit comes in the backdrop of Deputy Chief and Bengaluru Development Minister DK Shivakumar's 'Brand Bengaluru' concept, and the health sector in the city being one of the prime focuses, some of the corporation hospitals are upgraded due to an increase in patients. **ENS**

Ex-Indian wicketkeeper's rental dispute settled in Lok Adalat

A total of 1.04 crore cases were settled amicably in a single day, including an original suit concerning Sadananda Vishwanath, a former wicketkeeper of the Indian cricket team, about a rental dispute of the premises belonging to him pending before the city civil court, in the Lok Adalat held across the state on December 13. Among them, 3 lakh are pending cases and 1.01 crore cases are pre-litigation cases. In all, Rs 3,103 crores were settled, according to Justice Anu Sivaraman, Judge of Karnataka High Court and Executive Chairperson of Karnataka State Legal Services Authority (KSLSA). **ENS**

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TENDER NOTIFICATION

Under signed invites e-tender notification in two Bid system from eligible tenderers through e-procurement portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** GOK, for the Supply of TABs to KoIMS, Madikeri, last date for upload is **30-12-2025**, for more information contact e-procurement portal or office of the undersigned.

Sd/-
Director and Dean,
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NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

Principal Chief Engineer, Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd., invites Open Tender in Single Bid system through E-Tendering on IREPS portal from eligible contractors for the following work. **Name of Work: Complete Track Renewal (P) by manual means inside Four tunnels and on Four major bridges under jurisdiction of Senior Engineer, Udupi and Four tunnels between Loliem- Harwada sections under the jurisdiction of SEN/MAO in Karwar region over Konkan Railway. Tender Notice No.: KR-W-1-58-2025-22. Estimated Cost**: Rs.4,15,24,896/- excluding GST. **Closing Date/Time**: 07.01.2026 up to 15:00 hrs for submission of online Offers/Bids. **Completion period**: Eight months including monsoon. Manual offers shall not be accepted. Please visit **https://ireps.gov.in** website for details / participation. Corrigendum / addendum will be hosted in this website only.

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15 DAYS
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02 Shimla - Manali – Vaishnodevi
New Delhi, Kurukshetra, Chandigarh, Shimla, Kufri, Kullu, Manali, Atal Tunnel & Solang Valley (Optional), Baijnath, Kangra Vajreshwari, Chamunda, Jwalamukhi, Katra, Vaishnodevi, Wagha Border, Amritsar.
Dates: FEB 6, 20. MAR 6, 20. APR 3, 10, 17, 24. MAY 8, 22. JUN 5, 19.
14 DAYS
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03 Ayodhya - Kashi – Gaya
Naimisharanya, Ayodhya Prayagraj (Triveni Sangama), Chitrakoot, Bodhgaya, Gaya, Varanasi, (Kashi), Saranath.
Dates: JAN 30. FEB 13, 27. MAR 13, 27. APR 10, 24. MAY 8. JUNE 5, 19.
9 DAYS
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04 Nepal - Ayodhya – Kashi
Prayagraj (Triveni Sangama), Ayodhya, Sunauli Border, Manokamana, Kathmandu, Lumbini, Gorakhpur, Gaya, Bodhgaya, Varanasi (Kashi), Saranath.
Dates: FEB 14. MAR 14. APR 11. MAY 9. JUNE 13. JUL 11.
12 DAYS
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05 Kashi - Gaya - Ayodhya
Prayaga Raj (Triveni Sangama), Ayodhya, Gaya, Bodhgaya, Varanasi (Kashi), Saranath.
Dates: JAN 24. FEB 7, 21. MAR 7, 21. APR 5, 18. MAY 2, 16. JUNE 13, 27.
6 DAYS
9364104365
06 Golden Triangle Tour
Jaipur, Fatehpur Sikri, Agra, Mathura, Brindavan, New Delhi.
Dates: FEB 6, 20. MAR 6, 20. APR 10, 24. MAY 8, 22. JUNE 5, 19.
6 DAYS
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07 Shimla - Kullu - Manali
Delhi, Shimla, Kullu, Kufri, Manali, Solang Valley & Atal Tunnel (Opt), Manikarnika, Chandigarh.
Dates: JAN 21. FEB 11, 25. MAR 11, 25. APR 15, 29. MAY 13, 27. JUNE 10, 24.
9 DAYS
7022259007
08 Nepal - Pashupathinath – Mukthinath
Gorakhpur, Pokhara, Mukthinath, Jomsom, Manokamana, Kathmandu, Sunauli Border, Lumbini.
Dates: FEB 28. MAR 28. APR 25. MAY 23. JUN 20. JUL 25. AUG 22.
10 DAYS
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09 Amritsar - Dharmashala – Vaishnodevi
Kangra Vajreshwari, Chamunda, Jwalamukhi, Dharmshala, Dalhousie, Khajjiar, Katra, Vaishnodevi.
Dates: JAN 22, 30. FEB 14, 22. MAR 13, 21. APR 10, 18. MAY 15, 23. JUN 12, 20.
9 DAYS
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10 Kashmir Vaishnodevi Tour
Pahalgam, Sonamarg, Srinagar, Gulmarg, Katra, Vaishnodevi.
Dates: JAN 25. FEB 8, 15. MAR 1, 8, 16, 23. APR 5, 12, 20, 27. MAY 10, 17, 25. JUN 1, 14, 21.
8 DAYS
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11 Ayodhya – Kashi – Baidhyanath
Ayodhya, Prayagraj (Triveni Sangama), Varanasi (Kashi), Saranath, Gaya, Bodhgaya, Baidhyanath Jyothirlinga.
Dates: JAN 28, FEB 25. MAR 25. APR 22. MAY 20. JUNE 24. JUL 22.
8 DAYS
9364104373
12 Mussoorie - Corbett – Nainital
Mussoorie, Kempty Falls, Rishikesh, Haridwar, Jim Corbett national Park, Kausani, Baijnath, Bageshwar, Jageshwar, Kainchi Dham, Sat Tal, Bhimtal, Naukuchiatal, Nainital, New Delhi
Dates: FEB 6, 20. MAR 6, 20. APR 10. MAY 8, 22. JUN 5, 19.
12 DAYS
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13 South India Tour
Kancheepuram, Chidambaram, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur, Srirangam, Rameshwaram, Madurai, Kanyakumari, Nagercoil, Suchindram, Thiruvananthapuram, Kalady, Guruvayur, Nanjangudu
Dates: JAN 22. FEB 5, 19. MAR 5, 19. APR 2, 16, 30. MAY 7, 21. JUN 4, 18.
10 DAYS
7022259008
14 Kerala Special Tour
Guruvayur, Kalady, Alleppey, Thekkady, Munnar, Kochin, Wayanad.
Dates: JAN 29. FEB 12, 26. MAR 12, 26. APR 9, 16, 30. MAY 14, 28. JUN 11, 25.
7 DAYS
9364104373
15 Rameshwaram - Kanyakumari – Madurai
Rameshwaram, Madurai, Kanyakumari, Srirangam, Thanjavur.
Dates: JAN 22. FEB 5, 19. MAR 5, 19. APR 2, 16, 30. MAY 7, 21. JUN 4, 18.
5 DAYS
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16 Navagraha Darshan
Thingalur, Thirunageshwaram, Kanjanur, Keezhaperumpallam, Suryanar Koil, Alangudi, Thirunallar, Thiruvenkadu, Vaitheeswaran Koil, Kumbakonam.
Dates: JAN 29. FEB 12, 26. MAR 12, 26. APR 9, 16, 30. MAY 14, 28. JUN 11, 18, 25.
4 DAYS
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With an objective to ensuring more jobs to skilled youths of Karnataka in national and international companies, the State Government will hold an international job fair either in February or March 2026 in the state, said Minister for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Dr Sharan Prakash Patil

₹2,185-CR NABARD FUNDING CUT HAS HIT FARM CREDIT FLOW: CM

While K'taka was entitled to ₹5,600cr, only ₹3,415cr has been released so far: Siddaramaiah

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Belagavi

KARNATAKA Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Tuesday disclosed that the state has suffered a Rs 2,185-crore cut in low-interest National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) funding for 2024–25, dealing a blow to the state's agricultural credit system.

While Karnataka was entitled to Rs 5,600 crore from the Centre-backed NABARD, only Rs 3,415 crore has been released so far, the CM informed the Assembly on Tuesday.

Replying to a question raised by Kunigal MLA Dr HD Ranganath during the Question Hour, Siddaramaiah said that the funding shortfall has severely affected the disbursal of subsidised farm loans through Primary Agricultural Credit Cooperative Societies across several Assembly constituencies.

The CM pointed out that the cut has led to regional imbalances in fund allocation, particularly impacting constituencies with significant SC/ST populations. He said that Madhugiri has a 26% SC/ST population, while Kunigal has 8%, and admitted that disparities have crept into NABARD fund distribution. Assuring corrective action, the CM promised that the imbalance would be rectified in the coming year, with adequate NABARD allocation ensured for Kunigal.

Providing loan disbursal details, Siddaramaiah said that in 2024–25, the Tumakuru DCC Bank set a target of extending Rs 40.33 crore in short-term crop loans to 14,850 farmers in Kunigal taluk. Of this, 10,833 farmers have already received Rs 38.40 crore. Additionally, 11 farmers were extended Rs 1.58 crore in medium- and long-term agricultural loans.

For 2025–26, a target has been set to provide Rs 40 crore in short-term loans to 13,750 farmers. By the end of November, 2,983 farmers have received Rs 10.5 crore. Against a target of Rs 2 crore for medium- and long-term loans to 20 farmers, 13 farmers have already availed Rs 1.30 crore, Siddaramaiah informed the House.

The CM's disclosure has brought renewed focus on the Centre's reduced NABARD support and its ripple effects on rural credit and farmers' livelihoods in Karnataka.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah makes a point in the Assembly in Suvarna Vidhana Soudha in Belagavi on Tuesday

Centre says Karnataka got lower NABARD funds due to 'improved bank lending'

MARX TEJASWI @ Shivamogga

KARNATAKA received reduced funding from the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) in recent years owing to improved performance by banks in meeting Priority Sector Lending (PSL) targets, the Union government has claimed.

Replying to an unstarred question from Udupi-Chikkamagaluru MP Kota Srinivasa Poojary in the Lok Sabha during the winter session of the Parliament, Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary said that in order to ensure adequate flow of credit from the banking system to the sectors of the economy which are crucial for socio-economic development, PSL targets are allotted to banks by the RBI. In the event of any shortfall in achievement of PSL targets by the banks, funds are then allocated to financial institutions for financing critical sectors.

NABARD receives annual allocations from the PSL shortfall corpus from which it releases funds to states.

"In recent years, due to the improved performance of banks in meeting the target for priority sector lending, the PSL shortfall corpus has been decreasing," the minister said.

The minister said allocations under various PSL-linked funds were rationalised based on demand, government priorities and utilisation in previous years. As a result, Karnataka saw a reduction in NABARD funding, particularly under Short Term Seasonal Agricultural Operations funds .

Data shared by the Centre showed that NABARD's long-term refinance to Karnataka declined to Rs 7,128.37 crore in 2024-25 from Rs 11,479.6 crore in 2023-24. Short-term refinance remained largely stable at Rs 14,313.6 crore in 2024-25. At the same time, funding under the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund rose steadily, reaching Rs 2,408.11 crore in 2024-25, compared with Rs 1,727.50 crore the previous year. Assistance under NABARD Infrastructure Development Assistance stood at Rs 1,020.30 crore in 2024-25 while it was Rs 1362.27 crore in 2023-24. Micro irrigation fund decreased to Rs 49.63 crore in 2024-25 from Rs 110.23 crore in 2023-24. No loans were sanctioned under Warehouse Infrastructure Fund in 2023-24 and 2024-25 while Rs 46.07 crore was sanctioned in 2022-23.

The Centre said NABARD continues to support agricultural and rural development through refinance schemes, infrastructure funding and targeted initiatives such as the Tribal Development Fund and Food Processing Fund, with eligibility determined under scheme guidelines.

Siddu, DKS' Delhi visit on Dec 24 reignites leadership change buzz

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

THE proposed visit of Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar to Delhi on December 24 has reignited speculation over a possible leadership change in the state, even as the party insists that there is no leadership issue.

The timing of the visit—coming days after the conclusion of the winter session of the Karnataka legislature on December 19—has added political significance. Congress sources say the high command had deliberately deferred discussions on the sensitive leadership issue until the session ended to avoid legislative disruption.

Since the Congress returned to power in Karnataka in 2023, the party has been dogged by talk of an informal power-sharing arrangement under which the chief ministership would rotate midway through the five-year term.

That midpoint was crossed in November 2025, prompting renewed demands from Shivakumar's supporters. The Siddaramaiah camp, however, maintains that he will complete a full five-year term.

In recent months, the rivalry has played out through multiple Delhi visits by both leaders and their loyalists, carefully choreographed "unity" breakfast meetings, and competing public claims. Recently, Ramanagara MLA Iqbal Hussain (Congress) went on record predicting that Shivakumar would become the CM on January 6, 2026—a statement swiftly played down by the party.

According to reports, the Congress high command—comprising party president Mallikarjun Kharge and senior leaders Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi—is expected to hold crucial talks with Siddaramaiah and Shivakumar shortly after the Assembly session, possibly around December 24.

While the possibility of a leadership change in the state cannot be ruled out, party insiders caution that it is not a done deal.

The high command is said to be keen on a "smooth transition," if any, rather than a sudden imposition.

Siddaramaiah has repeatedly stated, including on the Assembly floor, that he will continue as the CM "as long as the high command wishes," while Shivakumar has been actively consolidating support within the party.

Both leaders publicly affirm unity and loyalty to the high command, even as speculation remains rife.

For now, the Delhi visit signals that clarity may be closer-but the final call remains firmly with the Congress leadership.

Bishop Derek Fernandes of Belgaum Diocese feeds a piece of cake to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah at Fatima Cathedral in Belagavi on Tuesday | EXPRESS

SNIPPETS FROM HOUSE

'Action taken against firms cheating consumers'

BELAGAVI: As many as 2,334 cases have been registered against companies accused of cheating consumers while selling household goods in Bengaluru, Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Minister KH Muniyappa told the Legislative Council on Monday. Of these, 2,250 cases have been disposed of by the Karnataka State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission and District Consumer Forums. Replying to a starred question raised by MLC Ramesh Babu, the minister said action has been initiated against companies found indulging in unfair trade practices. He warned hotels and eateries against violating government norms related to packaged food items and bottled drinking water.

Nodal officers to monitor female foeticide

BELAGAVI: The state government has appointed nodal officers in all districts to stop the practice of female foeticide. Responding to a question by MLC CT Ravi, Minister for Health Dinesh Gundu Rao on Monday told the Legislative Council that inspections have revealed abnormally high male birth ratios in certain hospitals and districts, raising concerns over illegal sex determination and foeticide."We are monitoring taluk-wise gender ratios and hospital-wise birth data to identify suspicious trends and dismantle such networks," he said. To ensure effective implementation of the PC & PNDT Act, the government has intensified awareness campaigns during 2024–25 to educate people on the illegality and social impact of sex-selective practices.

Min favours health insurance for teachers

BELAGAVI: Minister for Primary and Secondary Education Madhu Bangarappa on Tuesday said the government may consider including aided school teachers under Arogya Sanjeevini health insurance scheme. The minister told the Legislative Council that he would discuss the issue with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Health Minister Dinesh Gundurao. He said the government will issue a calendar of events regarding appointment of teachers in government and aided schools within a fortnight.

No regularisation of licensed surveyors: Min

BELAGAVI: Revenue Minister Krishna Byregowda said it is not possible to regularise services of licensed surveyors in the state. Replying to the demand of Congress MLC K Shivakumar in the council on Tuesday, he said the government has appointed the surveyors only on incentive bases. Earlier, Shivakumar said several licensed surveyors get no fixed salary or benefits. The minister said the appointments were made not against any vacant posts and there is a Supreme Court judgment against the appointment of such persons.

4 BILLS TABLED IN ASSEMBLY

Four bills were presented in the Assembly on Tuesday for amendments: Bengaluru Metropolitan Land Transport Authority (Amendment) Bill, Bombay Public Trust (Amendment) Bill, Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Heritage Area Development Authority (Amendment) Bill and Karnataka State Road Safety Authority (Amendment) Bill. The amendment to the Bengaluru Metropolitan Land Transport Authority Act, 2022, is being brought to revise provisions of the constitution of Bengaluru Metropolitan Land Transport Authority and Executive Committee regarding ex-officio members. It is considered necessary to further amend the Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Heritage Area Development Authority Act, 2018, to include the director, Town and Country Planning department, and chief town planner of Greater Bengaluru Authority as members of the Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Heritage Area Development Authority. The amendment to the Karnataka State Road Safety Authority Act, 2017, is being brought to omit the upper limit on the levy and collection of one-time cess at the time of vehicle registration.

Chaos in Council over loudspeakers for azaan

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Belagavi/Shivamogga

THE Karnataka Legislative Council on Tuesday witnessed chaotic scenes over the use of loudspeakers for a*zaan (t*he call to prayer in mosques) and sought its ban, saying it caused noise pollution.

Raising the issue in the Question Hour, BJP MLC DS Arun challenged the government to ban the use of loudspeakers for a*zaan*. Arun alleged that the State Government was showing double standards while implementing law and order in the state. "It is regulating DJ sound systems during Ganesha immersion procession while it is permitting loudspeakers for azaan in mosques," he said, adding that law must be applicable to all equally.

He alleged that many loudspeakers used for azaan in many mosques are exceeding the prescribed decibels limit as per noise pollution rules. "As per Supreme Court orders, loudspeakerss are permitted from 6 am to 10 pm, yet the rules have not been followed seriously," he said.

In his reply, Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre said that noise pollution also happens during marriages, Deepavali, and other festivals. This led to commotion in the Council after BJP members stood up and entered into a heated argument with Khandre.

Deepavali and events like marriages are not regular affairs, stated the BJP members.

There were allegations and counter-allegations from both sides.

The matter, however, came under control after Council Chairman Basavraj Horatti asked Khandre to reply to MLC Arun's question.

Khandre then said that an officer has been appointed to look into the complaints of noise pollution as per the Supreme Court orders. A committee will be formed under the aegis of the local Deputy SP, which will measure the decibel levels, and action will be initiated against the noise polluters by writing to the jurisdictional police, the minister added.

Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar addresses the Assembly during the winter session of legislature in Suvrana Vidhana Soudha in Belagavi on Tuesday | EXPRESS

Daycare chemotherapy centres to come up in all district hosps

Belagavi: The State Govt has decided to set up daycare chemotherapy centres in all district hospitals, Medical Education Minister Dr Sharanaprakash Patil informed the Council on Monday. Replying to a question raised by MLC Kushalappa MP, Patil said the move aims to decentralise cancer treatment and ease the burden on Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology, Bengaluru. To address this, the government, in collaboration with Kidwai Memorial Institute, has initiated steps to set up cancer centres in various districts. The Peripheral Cancer Centre at Kalaburagi, established in 1990, is being upgraded, with administrative approval already granted and civil works currently in progress. Further, administrative sanction has been accorded to start regional cancer centres in Mysuru, Tumakuru, Shivamogga, and Belagavi. Similar approvals have been given to establish regional cancer centres within the premises of the Super Speciality Hospital in Raichur and the Bidar Institute of Medical Sciences. Patil said cancer treatment facilities are already functional at the Hassan Institute of Medical Sciences, Ballari Medical College and Research Centre, and Karnataka Institute of Medical Sciences, Hubballi. Steps are also underway to commence cancer treatment services shortly at the Mandya Institute of Medical Sciences and the Karwar Institute of Medical Sciences.

ASSEMBLY CLEARS 12 BILLS IN RAPID MODE, NO DISCUSSION

SUNIL PATIL @ Belagavi

THE Karnataka Legislative Assembly on Tuesday passed 12 key bills in rapid mode, aimed at reforms in urban governance, temple administration, land records, labour welfare, rental laws, renaming university and regional development. Together, the bills were passed unanimously within an hour, without much discussion and no objections from the opposition in the House

Greater Bengaluru Governance (Second Amendment) Bill, 2025: The Bill amends the Greater Bengaluru Governance Act, 2024, to strengthen metropolitan administration. It expands the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) by including MPs, MLAs, MLCs, chief secretary and senior officials as ex-officio members. It mandates time-bound delimitation of wards in newly added areas, provides for nominated councillors until elections are held, and clarifies election timelines after territorial expansion. It's objective is to improve coordination, representation and smooth governance in the expanded Bengaluru region p

Karnataka Land Revenue (Second Amendment) Bill, 2025: The Bill empowers Kodagu district tahasildars to correct inconsistencies in land records, including RTC entries, following due process, with provisions for appeal. The objective of the bill is to rectify long-standing anomalies and ensure legality and standardisation of land records in Kodagu district

Karnataka Labour Welfare Fund (Amendment) Bill, 2025: Coverage under the Act is expanded by lowering the employee threshold from 50 to 10 workers. It also enables digital payments such as UPI, NEFT and RTGS for contributions. It will extend welfare benefits and modernise payment systems

Karnataka State Universities (Second Amendment) Bill, 2025: The legislation officially renames Rani Chennamma University of Belagavi as Kittur Rani Chennamma University. The bills aims to restore historical and regional identity.

Sri Male Mahadeshwara Swamy Area Development Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2025

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MLCs hit out at officials for 'ignoring their calls'

BANSY KALAPPA
@ Bengaluru

LEGISLATIVE Council members have raised a serious complaint against government officials alleging that they routinely ignored phone calls from elected representatives. They warned that such conduct undermines public trust in governance and could amount to a breach of legislators' constitutional privileges.

In a letter to Chief Secretary Shalini Rajneesh, Council Chairman Basavaraj Horatti said the legislators are often forced to contact officials urgently over public grievances, but several officers either do not answer calls or fail to return them even as a basic courtesy. Legislators said they have repeatedly flagged the issue orally, but the problem persists across departments.

The complaint notes that people from different parts of the state approach their elected representatives seeking redressal of pressing problems. When legislators try to intervene on their behalf, the lack of response from officials not only frustrates MLCs but also raises serious questions about the functioning of the administrative machinery, the complaint read.

"Public service is the government's foremost duty. If officials do not respond even to people's representatives, one can only imagine the plight of ordinary citizens," the representation says. Such behaviour, Horatti warned, erodes confidence in the administration and may compel them to refer the matter to the Legislature's Committee on Privileges, as it amounts to denial of the rights accorded to legislators under the Constitution.

Horatti stressed that even when officials are engaged in other urgent duties, they are expected to return calls later as a matter of professional courtesy and accountability. The failure to do so, they said, reflects poorly on governance and responsiveness, he said.

Seeking immediate corrective action, the MLCs urged the Chief Secretary to issue strict directions to officers of all departments to ensure timely and appropriate responses to the public and to elected representatives.

Vidya Sampath Karkera from Mangaluru has won the Mrs Earth International title. The pageant was organised in Manila, Philippines. Women from 22 countries participated in the pageant held from December 1 to 8. Karkera's costume featured a tiger representing India's national animal, a blooming lotus symbolising India's national flower and purity and a peacock prop symbolising India's national bird

Lokayukta raids reveal ₹18.2 cr DA of 4 officials

Sleuths comb 21 premises in four districts

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE Lokayukta police on Tuesday unearthed disproportionate assets (DA) of Rs 18.20 crore allegedly possessed by four officials of the state government. It includes immovable assets of Rs 14.63 crore, cash of Rs 13.11 lakh, jewels of Rs 1.37 crore, and vehicles worth Rs 82.1 lakh.

The raids were conducted at 21 places belonging to four officials in Mandya, Dharwad, Hospet and Shivamogga.

In Mandya, Byresh VS, Office Superintendent of Panchayat Raj Engineer Division, Zilla Panchayat, allegedly possessed DA of Rs 3.18 crore. He owned immovable properties worth Rs 2.14 crore, including 4 sites, 1 house, 1 acre 37 guntas of agricultural land and Rs 1.04 crore movable assets, comprising Rs 18 lakh ornaments, Rs 15.70 lakh vehicles and Rs 70 lakh household items.

Upa Lokayukta Justice B Veerappa, during his surprise visit to the Taluk Panchayat in Mandya in June this year, found that Byresh, who was the then Manager of TP, transacted lakhs of rupees, though his monthly salary stands at Rs 90,000. He was accused of receiving a bribe through his friends and relatives, and then got transferred to his account.

At Hospet in Vijayanagar district, the sleuths found Rs 4.89 crore DA allegedly possessed by LR Shankar Naik, District Health Officer. He owned Rs 4.20 crore immovable assets, including 11 sites, 5 houses and Rs 69.82 lakh movable assets, comprising Rs 11.56 lakh cash and Rs 16.75 lakh ornaments.

Lokayukta sleuths wait in front of Rajashekar Bijapur's residence | EXPRESS

Roopla Naik S, Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Department, Shivamogga district, possessed Rs 4.04 crore DA. In all, he owned Rs 2.94 crore immovable assets, including 6 sites, 2 houses, 3 acres 20 guntas agricultural land and movable assets of Rs 1.10 crore comprising Rs 84.09 lakh ornaments.

Flushed Rs 50k down toilet

In Dharwad, Rajashekar Erappa Bijapur, Joint Director of Vigilance Cell at the Agriculture Department in Belagavi, owned Rs 6.07 crore DA. It includes immovable assets of Rs 5.34 crore comprising 3 sites, 3 houses, 6 acres 30 guntas agricultural land and movable assets of Rs 72.79 lakh, including Rs 18.19 lakh worth ornaments, Rs 38.80 lakh worth vehicles and Rs 15 lakh worth household articles. He flushed Rs 50,000 cash down the commode before the Lokayukta sleuths entered his house.

Murmu: Saints guided humanity through wisdom

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mandya

President Droupadi Murmu, Union Minister HD Kumaraswamy, Suttur Mutt pontiff Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamy and Minister Cheluvarayaswamy at Malavalli in Mandya on Tuesday | UDAYASHANKAR S

PRESIDENT of India Droupadi Murmu said saints across the ages have enlightened humanity through their wisdom and compassion, reminding society that true greatness lies not in authority or wealth, but in sacrifice, service and spiritual strength.

Addressing the 1,066th Jayanti celebrations of Adi Jagadguru Sri Shivarathreeshwara Shivayogi Mahaswamiji at Malavalli taluk in Mandya district on Tuesday, Murmu said as the nation moves towards the vision of a Developed India by 2047, both technological advancement and strong value systems are essential.

"Our spiritual institutions uphold the values that bind humanity together — compassion, tolerance, mutual respect and collective responsibility. Institutions like Suttur Mutt must continue to inspire young minds, nurture responsible citizens and guide the architects of tomorrow's India," she said.

The President further stressed that achieving the goal of Viksit Bharat requires the integration of modern education with moral wisdom, innovation with environmental responsibility, economic growth with social inclusion, and progress with compassion. "Institutions like Suttur Mutt can play a significant role in this national endeavour," she added.

Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot said Adi Jagadguru Sri Shivarathreeshwara Shivayogi Mahaswamiji was a towering figure in India's saintly tradition. "His life was devoted to austerity, sacrifice, compassion and public welfare. Through the tradition of Shivayoga, he integrated self-realisation, discipline and service into social life. His teachings transcended divisions of caste, class and creed, promoting unity, equality and harmony. His message reminds us that external progress is meaningful only when guided by inner purity, restraint and compassion," he said.

Union Minister HD Kumaraswamy said Suttur Mutt has accorded high priority to the education of children from economically weaker sections. He noted that Malavalli was the first place in Asia to receive electricity and is endowed with rich natural beauty.

Recalling his earlier visit to the Suttur fair, Kumaraswamy said he had requested the Swamiji to hold the Jayanti Mahotsav of Adi Jagadguru Sri Shivarathriswara Shivayogi in Mandya district.

EXPRESS READ

2.8k farmers ended lives during Cong regime: HDK

Mysuru: Union Minister HD Kumaraswamy on Tuesday lashed out at the state government, alleging that a recent survey indicated that nearly 2,800 farmers have died by suicide since the Congress came to power in the state, reflecting the government's apathy towards the farming community. He said the state government had promised to release Rs 24,000 crore to benefit 32 lakh farmers for agricultural activities, but disbursed only Rs 12,000 crore until November. "The entire system in the state is corrupt. I will expose the corruption in the state government after December 20," he said. Kumaraswamy also expressed strong opposition to the government's move to table a bill aimed at curbing hate speech. "Through this bill, the government is attempting to silence opposition parties," he said. ENS

Hospital didn't provide meds, ambulance facility to heart patient

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SUSPECTING a heart problem, he decided to go to a hospital alone. However, Roopa insisted on accompanying him, and the couple left on a two-wheeler, with Venkataramanan riding the vehicle.

"We first went to a nearby private hospital, but the staff told us no doctors were available. We then went to another private hospital, where an ECG was conducted. After seeing the report, the doctors advised us to go to Jayadeva Hospital," she said.

She alleged that despite the seriousness of the condition reflected in the ECG report, the hospital neither administered any medication nor provided ambulance support. "We requested for an ambulance, but they refused. Out of fear and panic, we decided to head to Jayadeva Hospital on the two-wheeler," she said. While on the way, Venkataramanan complained of severe chest pain and collapsed on the road even as he was riding the vehicle. Roopa fell along with him and sustained minor facial injuries.

"I cried and pleaded with every passerby, two-wheelers, cars and other vehicles for help," she said, breaking down. "For nearly 10 minutes, no one stopped. If even one person had helped us, my husband might have been alive today." Eventually, her sister-in-law arrived at the spot and managed to request a cab driver, who took them to a nearby private hospital. But it was too late by then, and doctors declared Venkataramanan brought dead.

Venkataramanan's younger sister, Subhashree, who appealed to the public to show humanity, said, "My brother always helped others, but when he needed help, no one came forward. For the sake of humanity, please help people in distress on the road. Helping each other strengthens humanity."

Amidst all the grieving, the family donated Venkataramanan's eyes, though they could not proceed with organ donation as valuable time had been lost. "He had no bad habits and no major health issues except gastric problems," his wife said.

HC slams govt over transfer of MLA kin from GIMS to KIMS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka High Court slammed the state government for the transfer of Dr Keshav Abbayya, a professor of Gadag Institute of Medical Sciences (GIMS) and brother of Hubballi East MLA Prasad Abbayya, to the Department of Dentistry in the Karnataka Medical College and Research Institute (KIMS), Hubballi, on the instructions of Medical Education Minister Sharan Prakash Patil, in blatant violation of norms.

Allowing a petition filed by Dr Suneel G Patil, a professor at KIMS, Justice M Nagaprasanna said the permanent placement of Dr Abbayya and posting the petitioner below him is a blatant violation of binding statutory guidelines and indelibly tainted by political influence, and cannot be sustained in law. "The petitioner's subsequent promotion, though effective a few months later, does not efface or cure the illegality that vitiates the appointment of Dr Abbayya. When the petitioner was statutorily entitled to promotion, importing an outsider into the lone available post in the department effectively divested the petitioner of both his seniority, a statutory right and his legitimate consideration of promotion, a fundamental right," the court observed. The HC quashed the transfer order dated March 5, 2024, and also the provisional seniority list dated January 21, 2025, issued by the KIMS.

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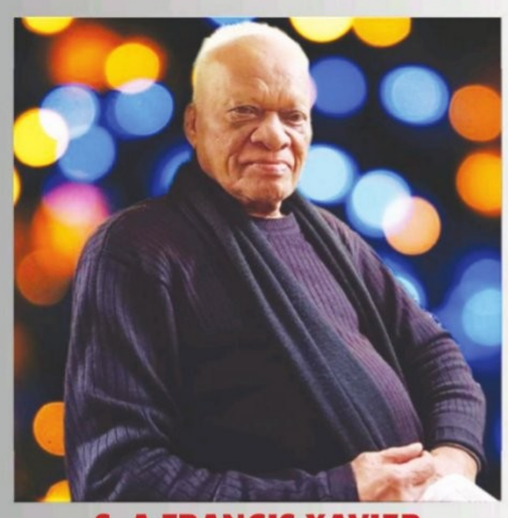

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Notification Regarding Appointment of Technical Director for KSNDMC

Subject: Advertisement for appointment of Technical Director for KSNDMC under the Karnataka Water Security and Resilience Programme (KWSRP) for implementation of the World Bank funded Project

As a part of the World Bank funded Project being implemented by the SPMU, Karnataka State Disaster Management Authority (KSDMA), the Revenue Department is seeking appointment of a Technical Director for KSNDMC to oversee the overall operations of the KWSRP Project. KSNDMC, an Autonomous body under Revenue Department (Disaster Management), Govt. of Karnataka is inviting Applications from eligible candidates for the post of Technical Director, KSNDMC. The remuneration for external candidates (who are not working in government sector) will be in the range of **Rs. 2.0 Lakhs - Rs. 3.0 Lakhs.** Pay scales shall be protected to the eligible internal candidates (who are serving in the State/ Central Government or State/Central Government Institutions/ Universities) as per their existing pay structure, on a deputation basis.

The detailed Terms of Reference (ToR), eligibility criteria and other conditions for engaging as Technical Director at KSNDMC are available at KSNDMC web portal **www.ksndmc.org.**

The Applicants may note the following:

- Applications along with relevant supporting documents should be submitted through Registered Post / Courier or in Person, **on or before 05.00 pm of 05.01.2026.**
- Applications to be sent through proper channel to **"The Office of Director, Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre (KSNDMC), Major Sandeep Unnikrishnan Road, Near Attur Layout, Yelahanka, Bengaluru- 560 064".**
- Incomplete applications will not be considered and KSNDMC reserves the right to reject any application, without assigning any reason, whatsoever.
- The qualified candidates will be shortlisted and called for Personal Interview for final selection to the post.
- For further queries, you may contact the Administrative Officer at **9611990357.**

Sd/- Director, KSNDMC

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1 AT BANGALORE
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CASE NO: O.A.No. 1434/2024
A/c No. '921030026589618

BETWEEN:
AXIS BANK LTD., ...Applicant
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Bhuvan Fashion ...Defendants
To,

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SUMMONS ISSUED TO DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23 (Viii) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES OF 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

WHEREAS: the applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions, Act, 1993, against the above defendants for the recovery of sum of **Rs. 31,77,778/-** (Rupees Thirty One Lakhs Seventy Seven Thousand & Seven Hundred Seventy Eight Only) amount together with current and future interest, cost and other reliefs.

The above mentioned defendants are required to appear therefore hereby directed to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly instructed in support of their defence to show cause on **10.07.2026 at 10:30 a.m.** as why the relief's prayed for should not be granted. Take notice that in case default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this tribunal on this day of **01.12.2025.**

BY THE ORDER OF THE TRIBUNAL
REGISTRAR-1
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1
BANGALORE.

THE MALLESWARAM CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.,
H. O : # 102, 7th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore - 560 003, Ph- 080-23342713/ 23342323, E- Mail : mcb_mall@yahoo.com, Website : www.mcbl.in

POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule 8 (1)] (For Immovable property)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **The Malleswaram Co-Operative Bank Ltd. Malleswaram Branch** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued a Demand Notice calling upon the undersigned borrowers/ legal heirs to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on below mentioned dates.

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **The Malleswaram Co-Operative Bank Ltd. Malleswaram Branch** for an amount mentioned below together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc., till the date of realization.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

1. Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor Name and Address :1.Mr. Sidde Gowda S/o Sidde Gowda **2. Mrs.Mahadevamma** W/o Sidde Gowda**, 3.Mr.Mohan Kumar S** S/o Sidde Gowda, **4.Mrs.Gayathri Mohan Kumar** W/o Mohan Kumar S, **5.Mrs.Kamala S** D/o Sidde Gowda, **6.Mrs.Girija S** D/o Sidde Gowda **7.Mrs.Amrutha S** D/o Sidde Gowda, **All are Residing at** : No.20, 2nd Main Road, Kanaka Layout, BSK II Stage, Bidara Halli, Bengaluru-560070.

Demand Notice : 10.07.2025 **Possession Notice Dated: 10.12.2025**

Balance outstanding : Rs.88,77,157/- [Rupees Eighty Eight lakh Seventy Seven thousand One Hundred and fifty Seven only] as on **30/11/2025** and interest thereon.

Description of the property: All that piece and parcel of the residential immovable property bearing Site No.20, Sy.No.19/3, 27/2, and 28/1, situated at Kadirenahalli Village, Bengaluru South Tq. Presently BBMP Municipal New No.20,situated at 2nd Main Road, Kanaka Gruha Nirmana Sangha, Padmanabhanagar ward, Bengaluru. PID No.55-709-20. including all rights privileges and appurtenances thereto constructed in the site measuring East to West 40+45/2 Feet., North to South 30 Feet, and bounded as follows: East by :Site No.22, West by: Road, North by : Site No.19, South by : Site No.21.

2. Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor Name and Address : 1.Mrs.Thanuja V W/o Ravindra Naidu **2.Mr. Ravindra Naidu** S/o Naidu V C, **Both are residing at** : No.73/74, 2nd Cross, VRN Brundavan, Bright Way Layout, Vasanthapura Village, Bengaluru - 560061.

Demand Notice : 10.07.2025 **Possession Notice Dated: 10.12.2025**

Balance outstanding: Rs.1,86,49,346/- [Rupees One Crore Eighty Six Lakhs Forty Nine Thousand Three Hundred and Forty Six Only] as on **30/11/2025** and interest thereon.

Description of the property: All that piece and parcel of the residential Immovable Property bearing Site No. 73 & 74, formed in Sy.No.8, Khatha No.8, situated at Vasanthapura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk,Bangalore, Khatha No.49/73, 74 including all rights privileges and appurtenances thereto Constructed on the site measuring East to West 40 Feet, North to South 60 Feet, Total area 2400 Sq.Ft., and bounded as follows East By : Road,West By : Site No.71 & 72,North By : Site No.75 South By : School Compound.

Date : 10.12.2025 **Sd/-**
Place: Bangalore **Authorised Officer**
The Malleswaram Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,

SOUTH INDIAN Bank
CIN: L65191KL1929PLC001017
Regional Office :Bangalore, Do.No.74, Ward No.111, Front Side, Sumeru Towers, Brigade Road, Near St. Joseph's College of Commerce, Museum Road P.O., Bangalore Urban District, Karnataka-560025, **email:ro1010@sib.co.in**

To, **Borrower : 1. M/s Ziowear Apparels Private Limited, a Pvt. Ltd.** company having its Regd. Office at No.1398, 41st Main, Kanakapura Road, J P Nagar 1st Phase, Bangalore – 560083. Email Id: ziowearapparels@gmail.com **2. Smt. Bindu Kumar,** W/o. Kumar, No.6/3, 1st Street, Raja Rajeswari Nagar, Kolathur, Chennai – 600 099. **3. Smt. Preetha G.,** W/o Gopakumar Divakaran, No.6/3, 1st Street, Raja Rajeswari Nagar, Kolathur, Chennai – 600 099. **4. Sri Krupanand Vallamkondu alias Vallamkondu Krupanand,** S/o. S S Vallamkondu, No. 2/574, Balaji Nagar, Proddatur, Cuddapah, Andhra Pradesh – 516 360. **5. Sri Pavan Kumar V.,** S/o. Vijay Kumar, Balagurumurthy, No. 31/91, Matha Aravinda Nilaya, 5th Main, 5th Block, Near Raja Lakshmi Mantapa, Jayanagar, Bangalore – 560 041. **6. Sri Madesh K.,** S/o Kannan, No. 1459, 2nd Stage, 2nd Phase, 17th B Main Road, J P Nagar, Bangalore – 560 078. **7. Sri V Divakaran,** S/o. Achuthan V., No. 6/3, 1st Street, Raja Rajeswari Nagar, Kolathur, Chennai – 600 099. **8. Smt. Jaya,** W/o. V Divakaran, No. 6/3, 1st Street, Raja Rajeswari Nagar, Kolathur, Chennai – 600 099.

Dear Sir,

Sub :-Notice issued in terms of Section 13(8) of The Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

As you are aware, the Authorised Officer of the Bank has taken symbolic possession of the assets described in the Schedule herein below in terms of Section 13(4) of the subject Act on **23-12-2021**, in connection with the outstanding dues payable by you to Marathahalli branch, Bangalore of the bank. The amount due from you to the Bank is **Rs.4,08,38,100.63 (Rupees Four Crore Eight Lakh Thirty Eight Thousand One Hundred and paisa sixty three only)** as on **18.11.2025** with further interest and costs.

AND WHEREAS, the borrower/co-obligant/guarantor has failed to pay the amount due to the bank even after taking possession of the schedule property, notice is hereby given that the assets described in the Schedule herein below will be sold by inviting tenders/ by public auction/ by Private Treaty in accordance with the relevant provisions of the SARFAESI Act and its Rules.

The date and time of auction shall be informed through a separate sale notice as per the provisions of the SARFAESI Act, and the property would be sold to the person who offers highest bid amount.

Hence, in terms of the provisions of the SARFAESI Act and the Rules made thereunder, this notice is issued to enable you to discharge the amount due to the bank and redeem the secured asset within 30 days from date of receipt of this notice and before the publication of sale notice mentioned supra.

However, as addressee No.1, addressee No 4, addressee No 5 and addressee No.6 among you have avoided service of the said notice, this public notice is issued in terms of Section 13(8) of The Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

This is without prejudice to the right of the Authorised Officer to fix the date of sale without any further notice and/ or any other rights available to the bank under the subject Act or any other law in force.

SCHEDULE (Immovable property secured to the account)
Description of Immovable Property

All that piece and parcel of land bearing Plot No.3 adm. 1602 sq.ft. (layout approval no. L.P.D.M/DDTP No. 357/73) along with building bearing Door No.6, Raja Rajeswari Nagar, 1st Street, Kolathur, Chennai wherein Ground Floor with an extent of 1000 sq.ft., First Floor with an extent of 1000 sq.ft., Second Floor with an extent of 900 sq.ft., and other usufructs and improvements thereon in Old S No. 44, then S.No.44/1 part, as per Patta No. 2280, New S.No.44/4, T.S. No. 195 situated at Kolathur village, Ayanavaram Taluk (formerly Perambur – Purasawalkam Taluk), Chennai District owned by Smt. Bindu Kumar (wherein Sri V Divakaran and Smt. Jaya being the life interest holders) vide Settlement Deed no.2886/2016 dated 08.09.2016 of SRO Sembium and bounded on the North : By Plot No. 2 (New Door no.4), South : By Plot No.4, Door No. 7, Mandralayam Manchi Nivas, East : By Raja Rajeswari Nagar 1st Street and West : By Door no. 25B, Thirumurugan Nagar belong to Mr. E Bharathi.

Security Interest created by : Smt. Bindu Kumar (wherein Sri V Divakaran and Smt. Jaya being the life interest holders).

Date : 16.12.2025 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bengaluru **The South Indian Bank Ltd.**

Deputy Chief Minister and Water Resources Minister DK Shivakumar on Tuesday said the second phase of the Horti Revan Siddeshwara Lift Irrigation Project would be taken up only after assessing water availability. He said the phase requires 2.5 tmcft of water from the Almatti reservoir to irrigate about 10,000 hectares

Khandre warns officials aiding forest land grab

Writes to CM, seeking probe by CID or SIT

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre in Suvarna Vidhana Soudha | EXPRESS

FOREST, Environment and Ecology Minister Eshwar B Khandre on Tuesday said that an FIR has been registered against a man who had submitted fake documents to take possession of 482 acres of BM Kaval forestland.

The accused, MB Nemanna Gowda alias MB Manmatha, tried to usurp 532 acres of forest and government lands. Before this, he tried to grab 512.26 acres of forest and government lands by submitting fake documents. A case was filed by local forest officials and the tahsildar with Mudigere police in November. The police have launched an investigation after taking the accused into custody, Khandre said.

"It is learnt that some forest officials and lawyers are helping people to grab government and forest lands. A letter has been sent to the chief minister seeking an investigation by CID or a special investigation team into such cases," he said and warned of stern action against errant officials.

On criticism by conservationists and opposition parties over withdrawal of the 'biodiversity hotspot' tag issued to 8.61 acres of land near the Cantonment Railway Station (CRS) in Bengaluru, Khandre said the government took the decision not because of any pressure.

"The government did not yield to any pressure. A notification in this regard was withdrawn as nobody can stake claim over the lands belonging to the Railways. The land near the CRS was declared as a biodiversity site to protect around 371 trees there. But it was withdrawn after learning the restrictions under the Railways Act," Khandre said.

He said officials of the Railway Land Development Authority (RLDA) had promised to take all environment protection steps and relocate the trees that face the axe. "RLDA has given a written assurance under Section 37(1) of the Biodiversity Act to protect green cover and trees even after constructing buildings on that land," Khandre said.

An environment official said, "As per the Biodiversity Act and Tree Preservation Act, permission is needed from jurisdictional tree officers to axe trees. No requests have been made for permission to axe trees there. We have identified and numbered 371 trees on that land. Felling 100-year-old trees and planting saplings there later is nothing but riotous."

Snared,tiger dies of asphyxiation after 2 days

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

THE death of a five-year-old male tiger caught in a snare in a coffee estate near Nagarahole Tiger Reserve (NTR) on Tuesday morning has raised many concerns. Locals sighted the carcass in the estate – 5km outside Dubare forest in Meenakolli section of Kushalnagar, in Srimangala village in Kodagu territorial forest division – around 10am.

"Preliminary information reveals the tiger died on Tuesday morning. The carcass is not old. However, the injury reveals the tiger was caught in the snare two days ago. The tiger dragged itself while trying to come free for two days, and died of asphyxiation on Tuesday morning. The final postmortem report is awaited. There was a 2-inch deep wound around its neck. All its canines and claws were intact," said Abhishek V, Deputy Conservator of Forests, Madikeri.

"It seems the animal got snared elsewhere and died in the estate. Blood stains were found 2-3km from the site where the carcass was found. A detailed blood sample analysis is being done. We are combing the area to find snares and the exact location where the incident happened. A dog squad from HD Kote has been brought for investigation, and the team has covered 600 metres of the region," Abhishek added.

PIC FOR REPRESENTATION

MINISTERSPEAK

Forest, Environment and Ecology Minister Eshwar B Khandre held a meeting with senior forest officials in Belagavi and directed staffers to clear all snares and create awareness among people. He said action will be taken against those involved in the tiger's death

PREVIOUS TIGER DEATHS

First incident in a jaw trap was reported in NTR in Mastigudi in 2002; second in 2014-15 on NTR boundary

In 2021, forest mobile squad recovered jaw trap, tiger and leopard skins

The tiger was documented by the State forest department and National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA), and camera-trapped during the previous tiger estimation, when it was a cub in NTR. "A detailed investigation is being conducted. The tiger was not reported to be in conflict. It was a young adult using the forest boundary and coffee estate region as its territory. No case of cattle kill was reported in the region in the past couple of months," added Sonal Vrishni, Chief Conservator of Forests, Kodagu Circle.

In the past few months, human intervention killed six tigers in Karnataka. While this is the first tiger death due to a snare in recent times, conservationists point to wild boars and small animals dying in snares around forest patches.

A senior forest official said, "Due to the recent rise in conflict, rescue and rehabilitation cases, snare and jaw trap seizure drives were put on hold. So far, no case has been booked. If the animal died elsewhere, it clearly reflects that ground staffers have not been combing the area, especially when around 10 young tigers have been documented to be wandering outside the forest patch, trying to establish territory. With rising conflicts, staffers must be on constant vigil. Green pastures inside and outside forests with a promising prey base is ideal for tigers."

Civil engineers oppose NBC dilution

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

CIVIL engineers in Karnataka are sounding an alarm over the Union government's move to weaken the National Building Code (NBC), branding it a "dangerous dilution driven by 'ease of doing business' pressure, and vested interests".

Members of the Karnataka Professional Civil Engineers' Consortium, representing nearly 5,00,000 engineers, call the NBC a "sacrosanct" pillar of construction safety, quality and sustainability. They warn that tampering with it risks public lives, structural failures and chaotic urban development. "The Union government's push, influenced by businesses and non-engineering lobbies, aims to delete key chapters under the guise of deregulation," they said. "This would erase decades of expert wisdom, jeopardising safe, sustainable buildings in a sector contributing over 24 per cent to India's GDP and employing millions."

Engineering experts TS Rajgopalan, KR Srinath and Shrikant S Channal explained the "dilution" as removing "redundant regulations" to attract investment and align with Viksit Bharat 2047 goals. It targets the NBC's framework covering administration, professional competence, design, construction and safety. "It's essential technical knowledge for safe buildings," they said.

The process lacks transparency, bypassing domain experts for financial and legal consultants, say critics. Consortium members are lobbying with parliamentarians, ministers and officials, rallying professionals and sending warnings via media and social platforms to halt the changes. "Ease of business must not mean ease of catastrophe," they said.

As India aspires to the goal of Viksit Bharat by 2047, the experts demand that the government rethink amendments and preserve the NBC's integrity for long-term public welfare.

EXPRESS READ

DRI cracks down on black marketing of urea

Bengaluru: Leader of Opposition in the Assembly R Ashoka on Tuesday said the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) has exposed a massive urea scam in the state when they seized a large quantity of urea fertilizer near Nelamangala. Ashoka said, "Even as the state government accuses the Centre of not providing enough quantity if urea for our farmers, the fertiliser is being sold in the black market here. What does the chief minister have to say about it? The Union government is providing urea to the state farmers at a subsidised price of Rs 280/kg, and it is being sold in the black market for higher prices." ENS

MGNREGS

Cong to oppose changes to rural job scheme: CM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah on Tuesday said the Union government, which is attempting to change the name and structure of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), has exposed its hatred towards the poor and Mahatma Gandhi.

"We strongly condemn this anti-people decision of the Narendra Modi government, which has snatched food from the plates of the poor, insulted Bapu and attempted to strangle state governments financially. We will launch a statewide agitation against this move. The responsibility of preserving the MGNREGA scheme in its original form must be taken up by lakhs of beneficiaries. They must hold BJP leaders in the state accountable and exert pressure on them to raise their voices against this injustice, rising above party lines," Siddaramaiah said.

The CM said the NDA government has altered the very structure of MGNREGA, a scheme whose entire expenditure was earlier borne by the Union government, by shifting nearly 40% of the cost on to state governments.

Siddaramaiah said over 25 flagship programmes launched during earlier governments were merely renamed or repackaged like the Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan into Swachh Bharat Mission. These changes reflect a consistent pattern of altering names rather than fundamentally strengthening or expanding the original intent of these welfare initiatives, he alleged.

AXIS BANK

Plot No. 41, Seshadri Road, Anand Rao Circle, Bangalore-560009

POSSESSION NOTICE APPENDIX-IV (RULE 8 (1))

WHEREAS: The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **AXIS BANK LTD,** Under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued, a demand notice, dated **07.08.2025** calling upon the **(1) M/s.Foodie Express Represented By Proprietor Mr Y. Swaroop And Represented By Guarantor Mr K. Yeshavantha Rao,** No.146, Swaproop Nilaya Havnur Extension, Nagasandra Post, Nagasandra, Bangalore-560073. **(2) Mr .Y. Swaroop** S/o.Mr.Yeshavantha Roa, No.146 Swaroop Nilaya, Opp Krishna Cake Palace Havanoor Extension, Nagasandra Post, Bangalore-560073 **(Borrower/Applicant). (1) Mr.K.Yeshavantha Rao,** No.146, Swaroop Nilaya, Opp Krishna Cake Palace Havanoor Extension, Nagasandra Post, Bangalore-560073. **(Co-Applicant/Guarantor)** to repay the amount of **Rs. 6,00,933 /- (Rupees Six Lakh Nine Hundred Thirty Three Only)** mentioned in the notice towards the loan account **no's 918030098784319**. being the amount due as on **07.08.2025** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act, read with Rule 6 & 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **15.12.2025.**

The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **AXIS BANK LTD,** for an of **Rs. 6,00,933 /- (Rupees Six Lakh Nine Hundred Thirty Three Only)** being the amount due as on **07.08.2025** and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub Section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTIES :

SCHEDULE: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No-146, Khata No-501, Bagalakunte Village, Yeswanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West: 30 Sq ft. and North to South: 40 Sq ft, totally measuring 1200 Sq Ft and bounded on that: East by : Property bearing No-145, West by : Property bearing No-147, North by : Road, South by : Property bearing No-142.

For any clarification, please contact Mr. Prakash K Mobile No. 9986316545.

Date : 15.12.2025 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bangalore **Axis Bank Ltd.**

BEFORE THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - II, AT BANGALORE

4th Floor, BSNL Building, Near Cubbon Park Metro, Bengaluru - 560001.

OA No. 428 / 2024

Between :
STATE BANK OF INDIA **... Applicant**
And :
Mr. Sreeraj Thekkethil **... Defendant**

SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANT UNDER RULES 23 (VII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

To,
1. Mr. Sreeraj Thekkethil, Aged about 30 years
S/o. Sivasankaran T. Thekkethil House, Pathaikkara P.O.
Perinthalmana, Malappuram, Kerala - 679322.
Also At : (i) No. 614, Al - Waleed Building, Al - Barsha 2,
Near Mall of Emirates, Al - Barsha, Dubai - 30096, UAE
(ii) Quintessentially EMP : MS3040, Rania Business Building,
106, Al - Barsha, Dubai - 30021.
(iii) No. 9, Samruddhi Mystic Wind
Nimbekayipura Village, Bidarahalli Hobli,
Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore - 560067.

Whereas the applicant herein has instituted an application under section 19 of the Debts due to Banks and Financial Institution Act. 1993 against you before this Hon'ble Tribunal for recovery a sum of **Rs. 2,28,79,595/- (Rupees Two Crores Twenty Eight Lakhs Seventy Nine Thousand Five Hundred and Ninety Five Only)** under **Loan Account No. 41017115317 [Rs. 21,05,908/- (Rupees Twenty One Lakhs Five Thousand Nine Hundred and Eight)] & A/c. No. 40995603779 (Rs. 2,07,73,687/- (Rupees Two Crores Seven Lakhs Seventy Three Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Seven Only)] as on 04-08-2023** together with current and future interest at the rate of **10.250% p.a. in A/c. No. 40995603779 & 9.650% p.a. in A/c. No. 4107115317** with monthly rests and penal interest at the rate of **2% p.a.** and from **05-08-2023** till the date of payment / realisation in full.

You are hereby requested to Show Cause in this Tribunal personally or by a pleader / advocate duly instructed within 30 days or **on 24-12-2025 at 10.30 a.m.** as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default, the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this the day **20-08-2025.**

Office of the Tribunal
Sd/- Assistant Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal - II. Bangalore

ನಗರಸಭಾ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಚಿಂತಾಮಣಿ
ಚಿಕ್ಕಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ

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ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ನಸಚಿ/ತಾಂಶಾ/ಸಿ.ಆರ್/105/2025-26 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 27.11.2025

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ಸಹಿ/- ಪೌರಾಯುಕ್ತರು, ನಗರಸಭೆ, ಚಿಂತಾಮಣಿ

ಪಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ಚಿಕ್ಕಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ/ಆರ್.ಓ.ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:305/ಕೆಎಸ್‌ಎಂಸಿಎ/2025-26

RAIL COACH FACTORY KAPURTHALA

On-line bids are invited by PCMM, RCF on behalf of President of India for following items:-

Sr. No.	Tender No. & Due Date	Description	Quantity	EMD (Rs.)
1	17251201A 09.01.2026	SET OF ALUMINIUM POWDER COATED ROOF PANELS FOR LWSCZ COACHES	130 SET	3,43,620/-
2	01251441 14.01.2026	BOGIE FRAME ASSLY. FOR AIR SPRING LHB COACHES	517 Nos	2000000
3	07251254 A 09.01.2026	SUPPLY INSTALLATION COMMISSIONING & TESTING OF STAINLESS STEEL TUBES AND DOUBLE FERRULE FITTINGS FOR LSLRD COACHES.	25 Set	1,11,580/-

CORRIGENDUM

1. Tender No. Tender No. 17251269 for procurement of FIRE DETECTION CUM SUPPRESSION SYSTEM (FDSS) IN TOILET OF COACHES. Due date: To be read as 26.12.2025 instead of 10.12.2025; **2. Tender No.** 12251224 for the procurement of IOT BASED WATER LEVEL INDICATOR SYSTEM FOR UNDERSLUNG & OVERHEAD WATER TANK. Due date: To be read as 26.12.2025 instead of 11.12.2025; **3. Tender No.** 17251418A for procurement Of Supply and Fitment of Complete Furnishing of Inspection Carriage on Trunking basis. Due date: To be read as 26.12.2025 instead of 12.12.2025; **4. Tender No.** 12251086 RETENTION TANK FOR LHB COACHES (WITHOUT FLUSHING ARRANGEMENT, Due date to be read as 16.01.2026 instead of 15.12.2025; **5. Tender No.** 17251502 for procurement Of Supply,Installation & Commisioning of One Rake Set of Single Leaf Autamatic Sliding Main Entrance Plug Door along with required controls for Vande bharat. **Due date:** To be read as 26.12.2025 instead of 15.12.2025; **6. Tender No.** 12251319 SUPPLY, INSTALLATION AND COMMISSIONING OF ONE RAKE SET OF VACUUM EVACUATION SYSTEM FOR TRAIN SET: Due date: To be read as 16.01.2026 instead of 17.12.2025

1. For details and making On-line Bids, visit Website **http://ireps.gov.in.** Drawings/specifications, wherever required can be downloaded from RCF Website **http://www.rcf.indianrailways.gov.in** Class III-B digital signature certificate required for on-line bidding, can be obtained from licensed certifying agencies listed at **http://www.cce.gov.in 2.** Tenders will close at 14.25 hrs. on due date and tender will be opened at 14.30 HRS. S.No1 Tenders will opened at RCF Kapurthala, (Punjab) and S.No. 2 & 3 Tender will opened at RCF Tilak Bridge New Delhi; **3.** For queries, contact IREPS Helpdesk at 011-24102855, 011-24105180 or RCF helpdesk at 011-23370897 **PCMM**

NO. 112-S/2025-26 **Dated: 16.12.2025**

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YELAHANKA, BENGALURU – 560 064.
Website: www.rwf.indianrailways.gov.in

TENDER NOTICE NO. RWF/S/146/2025-26/11 Dated: 15.12.2025

On behalf of the President of India, The **Principal Chief Materials Manager/RWF** invites electronic tender for the following works through the website **http://www.ireps.gov.in** from experienced/ reputed contractors in the field.

Tender No	Due Date & Time	Distance Slab	Estimated Value (in ₹)	EMD (in ₹)
RWFSTPT_FWS_3rd Slab_ 25-26	16.01.2026 at 14:15hrs	Above 1000Kms (with a mean distance of 2500Kms) **Quantity:** 14160MT	9,27,48,000/-	6,13,700/-
RWFTPT_CWD_MATUNGA_ 25-26	10.02.2026 at 14:15hrs	994Kms. **Quantity:** 1800MT	62,26,416/-	1,24,500/-
RWFTPT_CA_MATUNGA_ 25-26	10.02.2026 at 14:15hrs	994Kms. **Quantity:** 600MT	20,75,472/-	41,500/-
RWFTPT_CWS_MATUNGA_ 25-26	10.02.2026 at 14:15hrs	994Kms **Quantity:** 100MT	4,17,480/-	8,400/-
RWFTPT_CWD_ BADNERA_25-26	24.02.2026 at 14:15hrs	1078Kms **Quantity:** 150MT	5,54,631/-	11,100/-
RWFTPT_CA_ BADNERA_25-26	24.02.2026 at 14:15hrs	1078Kms **Quantity:** 100MT	3,69,754/-	7,400/-
RWFTPT_CWD_BHUSAWAL_ 25-26	12.03.2026 at 14:15hrs	1335Kms **Quantity:** 1200MT	48,54,060/-	97,100/-
RWFTPT_CA_BHUSAWAL_ 25-26	12.03.2026 at 14:15hrs	1335Kms **Quantity:** 220MT	8,89,911/-	17,800/-

Scope of Work: For details refer RWF and IREPS website.

POSTPONEMENT OF TENDER OPENING DATE:

Tender No	Existing Due Date & Time	Revised Due Date & Time
RWFTPT_CWD_PAREL_2526	26.12.2025	**27.01.2026**
RWFTPT_CA_PAREL_2526	26.12.2025	**27.01.2026**
RWFTPT_CWD_ LOWERPAREL	26.12.2025	**12.01.2026**
RWFTPT_CA_ LOWERPAREL	26.12.2025	**12.01.2026**

Contract period: Minimum 12 Months from the date of issue of Letter of Acceptance.

Tender Notice No. RWF/S/P2/15/2025-26 Dated 15.12.2025

Tender No. P2255913A. Brief Item Description: Magnesia Spinel Brick Set for Ladle Lining as per RWF Specification. **Quantity:** 25 Sets. **Tender Closing Date and Time: 07.01.2026, 14:00 hrs.** Tender details can be viewed on our website **www.rwf.indianrailways.gov.in** or **www.ireps.gov.in.** The tender documents and the corrigendum to the Tender if any, will be available on the portal only.

PRINCIPAL CHIEF MATERIALS MANAGER

KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED

(Government of Karnataka Enterprises)

Office of the Executive Engineer, KNNL,
Dandavathi Reservoir Project Division, Shikaripura.

Short Term Tender Notification- 25/2025-26 Date: 10-12-2025 (2nd Call)
Ref:Short Term Tender Notification- 19/2025-26 Date: 23-10-2025
(Two document System & KPPP System only)

Short term percentage tender are invited as per K.P.P.P on behalf of Managing Director KNNL Bangalore from eligible contractors such as KPWD Class-I/CPWD Class-I and Above. The tenderers are required to submit tenders only through K.P.P. portal of Govt of Karnataka **(http://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in).**

"Survey, Investigation, Design, Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of Tank Filling Scheme System for filling up of 15tanks by lifting water from Dandavathi River in SorabaTaluk of Shivamogga District consisting of the following components: construction of Bridge cum Barrage, Intake structure, Jackwell cum pump house, Pumping machineries, 11/0.433KV sub-station, 11 KV Transmission line and 11 KV Terminal bay, Rising main, Pressure distribution network, surge analysis and protection system for filling up of 15 tanks including supply of spares parts and tools, O & M for five years after successful commissioning of the work under Yadagoppa Tank fillingscheme on turn-key basis". (INDENT No: 3317) Work Amount put to tender **Rs. 34.93 Crores** and EMD **Rs.0.30 Crores**

1) Date of downloading & submission of tender (through KPPP) will be on **12.12.2025 to 13.01.2026 up to 4.00 PM 2)** Date of Pre bid meeting:**19.12.2025 @11.00AM.**(O/o Chief Engineer, KNNL, UTP Zone Shimogga **3)** Opening of technical bid will be on **15.01.2026 @ 11.00 AM 4)** Financial bid will be opened after approval of technical bid.

For more details visit website from date-**12-12-2025** at **(http://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in).**

DIPR/SMG/No-70-12/ zenkar/2025-26

Sd/-
Executive Engineer. KNNL, DRP Division, Shikaripura

GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR
DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL & ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS
(ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS DIVISION)

NOTIFICATION

Imphal, the 5th December, 2025

No. CASE-101/3/2024-AR-AR:

In continuation to this Government Notification of even No. dated 17th January, 2025 and 24th February, 2025, last date for submission of applications for filling up 1 (one) post of Chairperson and 1 (one) post of Judicial Member in Manipur Lokayukta is hereby extended upto **5:00 P.M. of 1st February, 2026.**

By Orders & in the name of Governor;

Sd/-
(R.K. Dinesh Singh)
Principal Secretary (AR)
Convenor, Search Committee,
Manipur Lokayukta

Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd

(FORMERLY KNOWN AS EQUITAS FINANCE LTD)
Registered Office : No.769, Spencer Plaza, 4th Floor, Phase-II, Anna Salai, Chennai - 600002.

DEMAND NOTICE
NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13 (2) OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002

NOTICE is hereby given that the following borrower/s have availed loan from **Equitas Housing Finance Limited (EHFL) / Equitas Finance Limited (EFL) / Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd (ESFB).** The said borrower/s had/have failed to pay Installments and their loan account has been classified as Non-Performing Asset as per the guidelines issued by RBI. The details of the secured immovable propert/ties, loan and the amounts outstanding as on date payable by the borrower/s are mentioned below. The borrower(s) and the public in general are informed that the undersigned being the Authorized Officer, the secured creditor has initiated action against the following borrower(s) under the provisions of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 and not to deal with the said property. on failure to repay the outstanding dues indicated against their names within 60 (Sixty) days of this notice, the undersigned will exercise any one or more of the powers under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, including power to take possession of the property/ies and sell the same.

SR. NO. - 1, BRANCH - B.G.ROAD , **L. No. -** SEBGROD0292231
Borrowers/Co-Borrowers - Mr/Mrs GIRIJAMMA MV, Mr/Mrs SRINIVAS N
Demand Notice Date - 30.10.2025 **& Outstanding Amount -** 625806.58

Description of Secured Asset - (Immovable Property) - ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY BEARING PROPERTY NO.63A, PRESENTLY BBMP KATHA NO.01/63A, SY.NO.1, SITUATED AT PILLAGANAHALLI VILLAGE, UTTARAHALLI HOBLI, BANGALORE SOUTH TALUK, BANGALORE, PRESENTLY COMES WITHIN THE LIMITS OF BBMP,North by : PRIVATE PROPERTY,South by : ROAD,East by : PRIVATE PROPERTY,West by : PRIVATE PROPERTY.

SR. NO. 2, BRANCH - CHANDAPURA , **L. No. -** SECNDPR0362186
Borrowers/Co-Borrowers - Mr/Mrs MURALI T, Mr/Mrs RAMAKKA, Mr/Mrs THIMMARAYAPPA
Demand Notice Date - 30.10.2025 **& Outstanding Amount -** 732332.07

Description of Secured Asset - (Immovable Property) - ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY SURVEY NO.73,HOUSE ASSESSMENT NO.74, MEASURING: EAST TO WEST 30 FT. NORTH TO SOUTH 40 FT. TOTALLY 1200 SQ.FT. AND THERE ON CONTRACTED MEASURING 24*10 FT. SHEET HOUSE. SITUATED AT MUTTHAGATTI VILLAGE,KASABA HOBLI,ANEKAL TALUK, BANGALORE URBAN DISTRICT.,North by : ROAD,South by : VACANT SITE BELONGS TO THIMMARAYAPPA,East by : VACANT SITE BELONGS TO VENKATARAMANAPPA,West by : VACANT SITE BELONGS TO KRISHNAPPA.

SR. NO. 3, BRANCH - YELAHANKA , **L. No. -** SEYLHNK0449831
Borrowers/Co-Borrowers - Mr/Mrs NAGAVENI, Mr/Mrs ANANDA R,
Demand Notice Date - 30.10.2025 **& Outstanding Amount -** 849545

Description of Secured Asset - (Immovable Property) - ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY ASSESSMENT NO. 19/3 AND SITE NO. 117 , MEASURING EAST , WEST AND NORTH 33.6 FEET , EAST WEST AND SOUTH 24 FEET , NORTH , SOUTH AND EAST 30 FEET , NORTH SOUTH AND EAST 31 FEET IN TOTAL MEASURING 874.4 SQ. FEET. GANGONDANAHALLI VILLAGE, DASANAPURA HOBLI, BANAGALORE NORTH TALUK, BANGALORE,North by : SITE NO. 116,South by : SITE NO. 118,East by : SITE NO. 88,West by : ROAD.

SR. NO. 4, BRANCH - YELAHANKA , **L. No. -** SEYLHNK0449820
Borrowers/Co-Borrowers - Mr/Mrs NAGAVENI, Mr/Mrs ANANDA R
Demand Notice Date - 30.10.2025 **& Outstanding Amount -** 591508

Description of Secured Asset - (Immovable Property) - ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY ASSESSMENT NO. 19/3 AND SITE NO. 87 , MEASURING EAST TO WEST 40 FEET AND NORTH TO SOUTH 30 FEET , IN TOTAL MEASURING 1200 SQ. FEET . SITUATED AT GANGONDANAHALLI VILLAGE,DASANAPURA HOBLI, BANAGALORE NORTH TALUK, BANGALORE.,North by : SITE NO. 88,South by : SITE NO. 86,East by : ROAD,West by : SITE NO. 118.

Date - 17.12.2025, Place - Bangalore Authorized officer, Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd

Congress MP Priyanka Gandhi has written to PM Narendra Modi urging the Union government to increase the honorarium to anganwadi workers, helpers, and ASHA workers across the country. In a letter, she highlighted the indispensable role played by these frontline workers

K'TAKA LOGS SECOND LOWEST JOBLESS RATE

VINCENT D'SOUZA @ Mangaluru

KARNATAKA has emerged as one of India's strongest performers on the employment front, recording the second-lowest unemployment rate in the country at 2.8 per cent, significantly below the national average.

Replying to an unstarred question, the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation said the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFs) for July-September 2025 pegged the all-India unemployment rate at 5.2 per cent for persons aged 15 years and above under the current weekly status. Urban India continued to face greater stress, with unemployment at 6.9 per cent, compared to 4.4 per cent in rural areas. In Karnataka, rural unemployment stood at 2.5 per cent, while urban unemployment was 3.3 per cent, pointing to relatively stable labour market conditions across regions.

The state also posted a labour force participation rate of 57.3 per cent and a worker population ratio of 55.6 per cent, reflecting robust engagement in economic activity. Gujarat topped the national chart with an even lower unemployment rate of 2.2 per cent, with both rural and urban joblessness among the lowest in India. Among southern states, Andhra Pradesh reported a higher unemployment rate of 8.2 per cent, followed by Kerala at 8.0 per cent. In Kerala, rural unemployment was marginally higher at 8.2 per cent, compared to 7.7 per cent in urban areas. Tamil Nadu and Telangana both recorded an overall unemployment rate of 5.7 per cent, with urban unemployment remaining higher than rural in both states. The PLFS data also underscored a persistent gender gap in employment across the southern region. In Karnataka, female unemployment at 3.0 per cent was slightly higher than male unemployment at 2.8 per cent. Kerala showed a sharper disparity, with female unemployment at 9.4 per cent against 7.2 per cent for men. Similar trends were observed in Tamil Nadu and Telangana, highlighting ongoing challenges in integrating women into the workforce.

Northern states continued to report relatively higher unemployment levels and sharper rural-urban divides. Uttarakhand recorded one of the highest rates at 8.9 per cent, while Rajasthan followed at 7.4 per cent, driven largely by acute urban stress where unemployment surged to 13.7 per cent. Haryana and Punjab reported rates of 6.2 per cent and 6.5 per cent, respectively, Uttar Pradesh stood at 5.9 per cent, and Delhi recorded an overall unemployment rate of 6.6 per cent. The government said employment indicators are estimated through the PLFS, while jobseeker registration is facilitated through the National Career Service portal, which currently has over 6.02 crore registered job seekers.

SALUTING FALLEN HEROES

Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Training Commander Air Marshal Tejinder Singh pays tribute to martyrs during Vijay Diwas at the War Memorial in Bengaluru on Tuesday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Top brass to call shots as Cong in Kerala gears up for '26 polls

K S SREEJITH @ T'Puram

SENSING a chance to come back to power in Kerala, the Congress high command is set to play a more decisive role in the party's state unit in the run-up to the 2026 assembly election.

Following its unprecedented, direct intervention in the recently concluded local body elections, the All India Congress Committee (AICC) is expected to exercise a strong say in key aspects of the assembly polls. Sources said the high command would play an active role in framing strict criteria for candidate selection, overseeing campaign strategies and directly monitoring the disbursal of election funds to candidates. "This was the first time in the history of Congress that the AICC scrutinised a local body election in any state," AICC organisational general secretary K C Venugopal told *TNIE*. "Usually, it is the assembly and parliament elections that receive our attention. We have never paid such close attention to an election before. We will continue with this format," he said.

Aware of the LDF's organisational advantage and the internal rift within the state Congress, the high command had charted a work plan as early as 2024. During the local body elections, the involvement of AICC general secretary in-charge of Kerala, Deepa Dasmunsi, and Venugopal ranged from coordinating voter enrolment drives to intervening in local disputes and resolving organisational issues across districts. "This election, the state leadership and grassroots party members worked together," said Deepa Dasmunsi. The central leadership's hands-on approach is seen within the party as a template for the assembly election. The high command has conveyed a clear message to state leaders that candidate selection will be strictly on merit, leaving little room for groupism or seniority-based claims.

At a meeting held in New Delhi soon after the current KPCC leadership assumed office, Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi had reportedly told leaders bluntly that the Congress would not project a chief ministerial candidate ahead of the assembly election.

'New varsities set up without bylaws'

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BUT since bylaws were not formulated, which are essential for these universities to function, there has been a lot of confusion. The government had earlier appointed lecturers to colleges that later became new universities. "These lecturers cannot be transferred to any other government college or university. But as no bylaws are formulated, they are in a dilemma," he explained.

Adding to the confusion is the difference in service conditions. The retirement age for government lecturers is 60, while it is 62 for university lecturers. Government lecturers are covered under the Old Pension Scheme, while university lecturers fall under the New Pension Scheme. Some have even approached courts. Sources said that after new universities were created, the government stopped providing grants, forcing them to manage expenses independently. Because of lack of funding, universities increased student fees steeply, resulting in a sharp decline in enrolments for undergraduate courses like BA, BCom and BSc. This particularly has affected students from economically weaker sections. "The government created new universities without providing grants or infrastructure. There is no clarity on the status of both teaching and non-teaching staff," the sources added.

TEACHING STAFF

	Sanctioned	Working
University of Mysore	571	180
Karnatak University	620	198
Mangalore University	273	123
Bangalore University	365	120
Bangalore City University	161	10
Bangalore North University	66	4

EXPRESS READ

Actor assault case: Survivor meets Kerala CM

T'PURAM: Four days after the verdict in the actor assault case, the survivor met Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan at his official residence at Cliff House on Tuesday. At the meeting, the CM is learnt to have assured her of the government's support, stating that the people of Kerala stand with her. He also said the government would file an appeal at the earliest against the trial court's verdict. He also made it clear that the government would take appropriate action in connection with the video released by second accused Martin. Prosecutors have already initiated steps to move an appeal against the trial court's verdict, it is learnt.

ISRO launches Respond Basket 2025

BENGALURU: As part of the ISRO–Academia Day celebrations, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) on Tuesday released the Respond Basket 2025 (RB), aimed at addressing complex technological challenges through collaborative research. RB comprises research problem statements aligned with ISRO's current and future mission requirements. Through the document, ISRO has invited research proposals from universities, academic institutions, and research and development organisations across multiple space-sector domains. The last date for submission of research proposals is January 31, 2026.

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e-Procurement Tender Notice (Paper Notification)

TGSPDCL intends to float tender for procurement of (a) 11KV 20/5A CTPT Sets of 0.2S class accuracy (b) 12V 42AH SMF VRLA Batteries (c) 24V 40AH Battery with Charger (Conventional type) (d) 1Cx120 sq.mm LT XLPE Cable (e) Thermal Spot Billing Paper Rolls (f) 33KV 800A (Conv.) DB AB Switches on e-procurement platform.

For further details of each item above, please visit **www.tgsouthernpower.org**, **www.tender.telangana.gov.in**, **www.auction.telangana.gov.in**. Phone: 040-23431360, 1033, 1035, 1026

DIPR R.O.No.922-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2025-26, Dt:16-12-2025 Sd/-CHIEF ENGINEER (P&MM)

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ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಆದ್ಯಾದೇಶ 1999–2000ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಆ್ಯಕ್ಟ 2000ರ ನಿಯಮದಂತೆ ಸ್ಟಾಂಡರ್ಡ ಬಿಡ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟ ಕೆ/ಡಬ್ಲೂ–4 ನಿಯಮದನ್ವಯ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಾಯಿತರಾದ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ KPPP ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟ ವಿಭಾಗದ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿಯ 1 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಟೆಂಡರ ಅಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ವರ್ಕ ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ: ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ: 27953

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ಅ) ಪ್ರೀಬಿಡ್ ಮೀಟಿಂಗ್:31–12–2025 ರಂದು ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11–30 ಘಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ
ಅ) ಟೆಂಡರ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಾಗಿ ನಿಗಧಿ ಪಡಿಸಿದ ದಿನಾಂಕ:08–01–2025 ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 5–30 ಘಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ, ಬ) ಟೆಂಡರ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ:16–01–2026 ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 4–00 ಘಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ, ಕ) ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ:17–01–2026 ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 4.30 ಘಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ, ಡ) ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 19–01–2026 ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 4.30 ಘಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ

ಸಹಿ/–ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರರು,
ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ ವಿಭಾಗ ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟೆ.

DIPR/BGK/RO-NO-449/KSMCA/2025-26

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT DIVISION, VIJAYAPUR.

I.F.T.No:EE/PWD/VJP/PB/3054 & 5054/2025-26/3565
Dated:15.12.2025

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (E-Procurement)

The- **Executive Engineer, Public Works Dept. Division, Vijayapur** Invites tenders from eligible tenderers (registered in Public Works Department) Total 11 works, As per standard bid documents KC-6 KW-3 with 5054-80-190-0-01-132 KRDCL SH Bridge 3054-SH MDR Maintenance head of account costing of amount for Maximum and Minimum Rs. 66.00 Lakhs and 12 Lakhs, the Maximum and minimum EMD amount of Rs.1,32,000.00 and 15,000 for the works. For above work G.S.T amount will be paid to the Contractor separately and Increase in G.S.T shall not be paid in the extended period of Contract for which the contractor alone is responsible for delay as determined by the authority while granting the extension of time. The calendar events of tenders, dates are fixed as follows (1) Last Date for Receipt of Tenders Date-31-12-2025 upto 4.30 PM. (2) Opening of Technical Bid Date-1-01-2026 at 4:31 PM. (3) Opening of Financial Bid Date- 02-01-2026 at 11.00 AM. Clause-3 Conditions of Standard Bid Document may be seen in Departmental Website i.e "https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in" and for more information may contact help desk Bangalore (Phone No. 91 80 46010000, +91 80 68948777) or office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
PWD Division, Vijayapur

ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ವಿಜಯಪುರ/543/ಕೆಎಸ್ಎಂಸಿಎ/2025–26

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केनरा बैंक Canara Bank (A Government of India Undertaking)

Canara Bank,
ARM Branch I
2nd Floor, No. 86, Spensar Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore-560001.

SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provison to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", on **06.01.2026 (10.30 AM to 11.00 AM),** for recovery of **Rs. 49,82,25,385.50/-** (Rupees Forty Nine Crore Eighty Two Lakh Twenty Five Thousand Three Hundred and Eighty Five and Fifty paise only) as on 18.11.2025 with further interest and cost thereon due to the **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of Canara Bank** from **1) M/s. Ambika Electronics,** Ground Floor, No 952 A, Sunder Mahal, 14th Cross, Hoskerahalli, Girinagar, Banglore-560085. **2) Mr. Ramesh Aithal** S/o. Sri K. Venkattraman Aithal, 85, Yukthi, Avalahalli, 3rd Stage, Girinagar Banglore-560055, **3) Mr. K. Shantharam Holla** S/o. Achuta Holla, B 202, Ashwini Apartment,14, Ring Road, Banashankari, 2nd stage,Bangalore-560070, **4) Mr. K V R Somayaji,** 97, 3rd Main, 4th Phase, JP Nagar, Sarakki Dollar Colony, Bangalore-560078, **5) Smt. K. Veena** W/o. Mr. K V R Somayaji 97, 3rd Main, 4th Phase, JP Nagar, Sarakki Dollar Colony, Bangalore -560078, **6) Mr. Sri Sadananda Maiya** S/o. Late PYN Maiya, 342/20, Shanthala, 1st B Main Road, Jayanagar West, Bangalore-82.

The Earnest Money shall be Deposited by way of E-Wallet of **M/s. PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan on or before **05.01.2026, 5.00 pm.** **(Rs. In Lakhs)**

Lot	Description of the immovable assets	Reserve Price	EMD	Incremental value
1	Residential Site No. 5, carved out of sy no. 29/13 of Mayagananahalli Village, Kasaba hobli, Ramanagaram Taluk, V P Katha No 571-5-29/13, Measuring 8000 sqft standing in the name of Sri Ramesh Aithal and K Shantahrama Holla. **Coordinates of the property Latitude- 12.8062193N, Longitude- 77.3170495E**	125.00	12.50	1.00
	TOTAL	125.00	12.50	1.00

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website **(www.canarabank.com)** or **E-Wallet of M/s. PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/)** portal and may contact ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru, **Canara Bank, Ph. No. 080-25310066, 9483544116, 8508442767** during office hours on any working day.

Date: 15.12.2025
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Offier
Canara Bank

GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
DIRECTORATE OF TOURISM
3rd Secretariat, Nokrek Building, Lower Lachumiere.
Shillong, Meghalaya, Pin : 793001.
Email: technical.tourism@gmail.com

Meghalaya TOURISM

M/D-Tour/Tech/29/2025/02 Dated 11th December 2025

OPEN TENDERING (Two-Envelope Bidding Process with e-Procurement)

Name of Work	**DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM FACILITIES IN SOHRA (SOHBAR), MEGHALAYA**
Period of Sale of Bidding Document	**FROM 11th December 2025, AT 16:00 HOURS**
	27th January 2026 AT 16:00 HOURS
Time and Date of Pre-Bid Conference	**7th January 2026, AT 13:30 HOURS**
Last Date and Time for Receipt of Bids	**To 27th January 2026, AT 16:00 HOURS**
* Time and Date of Opening Bids-Technical Part	**28th January 2026, AT 16:00 HOURS**
Place of Opening of Bids	**Office of Directorate of Tourism, Shillong-793001 Meghalaya**
Officer inviting Bids	**Directorate of Tourism, Shillong, Meghalaya**

The bid documents for the same may be downloaded from ***meghalayatenders.gov.in***

Package No	Name of Work	Estimated Contract Value (Rs)	Bid Security *(Rs)	Cost of Document including GST and printing charges (Rs.)	Period of Completion
1	2	3	4	5	6
M/D Tour/Tech/29/2025/02 Dated 11th December 2025	**DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM FACILITIES IN SOHRA (SOHBAR), MEGHALAYA**	**24.50 Cr.**	**73.50 lakh**	**Rs. 24,000 inculding GST and printing**	**24 Months**

MIPR No.: 2418
Dated: 16/12/2025

Sd/-
Director of Tourism,
Meghalaya, Shillong.

भारत सरकार - अंतरिक्ष विभाग / GOVERNMENT OF INDIA - DEPARTMENT OF SPACE
निर्माण एवं अनुरक्षण समूह, एसडीएससी-शार / CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE GROUP, SDSC-SHAR
श्रीहरिकोटा / नेल्लूर (जिला), आं.प्र. / SRIHARIKOTA - 524124

संक्षिप्त ई–निविदा सूचना / Brief E-TENDER NOTICE

ई–निविदा सूचना सं./ e- Tender Notice No: PT-AC-25-026 तिथि/ Date. 15/12/2025

भारत के राष्ट्रपति की ओर से, **"एसडीएससी एसएचएआर में एक वर्ष के लिए एयर कंडीशनिंग संयंत्रों का रखरखाव (विविध कार्य)।" (अनुमानित लागतः ₹23.87 लाख)** के लिए ई–निविदा के माध्यम से मद दर निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। निविदा दस्तावेज **30.12.2025** को **14:30** बजे तक डाउनलोड किए जा सकते हैं। विस्तृत सूचना हेतु इच्छुक निविदाकार हमारी वेबसाइट **www.isro.gov.in** या **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO** पर जा सकते हैं।

On behalf of President of India, Item Rate tenders are invited through e-tendering for **"Maintenance of Air Conditioning Plants at SDSC SHAR for one year (Miscellaneous works)- (Aircondition work)". (Estimated cost: ₹23.87 Lakhs)**. Tender documents can be downloaded up to **30.12.2025, 14:30 hrs**. Interested tenderers may visit **www.isro.gov.in** or **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO** for details.

हस्ताक्षरित- समूह प्रधान, सीएमजी / एसडीएससी शार / Sd/- GROUP HEAD, CMG / SDSC SHAR

YES BANK **Yes Bank Limited**
Yes Bank Ltd, First Floor, Brindavan Building, Raja Ram Mohan Rao Road, Sampangi Ram Nagar, Bangalore - 560025.

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE U/S 13 (2) OF THE SARFAESI ACT

Notice is hereby given that the under mentioned borrower(s)/ guarantor(s)/mortgagor(s) who have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the Overdraft facilities obtained by them from the Bank and whose facility account has been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). The notices were issued to them under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (SARFAESI Act) on their last known addresses but they have been returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of this public notice.

Sr. No.	Agreement No.	Type of Loan:	O/s. As per 13(2) Notice:	NPA Date:	Notice Date:
1	6201259	Overdraft and Working Capital Loan	Rs.1,91,6466.66/-	3rd December 2025	05-12-2025

Name of Borrowers, Co-borrowers, Guarantors, Mortgagors: 1M/s MAAAMBIKA PHARMACEUTICALS(Proprietor ship firm)Represented by Nenmal b Jain, 2.Mr. Nenmal B Jain(Guarantor),3.Indra Devi(Guarantor).

Details of secured asset: All that part and parcel of property bearing old 165, present no.148/3 situated at Main Road Akkipet Bangalore. Measuring: East to West :28feet North to South:20feet Bounded on: East by: Road West by: Remaining property of Site No.148 North by: Remaining property of Site No.148 South by: Property of Mrs.Vinodamma.

The property consisting of 5sq RCC building constructed out of brick an Cement Red oxide flooring the steel windows and jungle wood used for windows and doors.The above borrowers and/or their guarantors(s)/mortgaror(s) (whenever applicable) are hereby called upon to make payment of outstanding amount within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which further steps will be taken after expiry of said 60 days under sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of SARFAESI Act.

Furthermore, this is to bring to your attention that under Section 13(8) of the SARFAESI Act, in case our dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by us are tendered at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer, the securd asset shall not be sold or transferred by us, and no further step shall be taken by us for transfer or sale of that secured asset.

Dated: 17-12-2025, Place: Bangalore Sd/- Authorized Officer, For YES BANK Limited

LIC HFL LIC HOUSING FINANCE LTD **LIC HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED**
1st Floor, Jeevan Managal Building, Hayes Road, Bangalore -560025. Ph.: 080-43003651

DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE ISSUED UNDER SEC 13 (2) OF "THE SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIALASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.

The following persons whose names are mentioned in Col No.2, The details of properties mortgaged are shown in Col No.5. The borrower has defaulted in repaying the amounts due by them as shown in Col. No.4, in spite of repeated remainders, consequently these dues have been classified as NPA's as per RBI's guidelines. Notices were sent by Regd. Post to below mention date and that is returned / undelivered. Therefore, the respective borrowers are hereby called upon to repay the outstanding amounts due mentioned against their names in Col No.2 within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which LIC Housing Finance Ltd., would be constrained to initiate proceedings under sec.13 (4) of SARFAESI Act against the mortgaged properties mentioned hereunder against the respective loan A/cs to realize the amounts due to them.

The borrower attention is also invited as per Section 13(8) of the SARFAESI Act, the right of redemption of the secured assets will be available to them only till date of publication of Sale Notice.

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrower & Loan No	Demand Notice Date	Notice Amount (in Rupees)	Description of the Property
1.	**MR. LAXMAN SINGH BISHT MRS. BOJUGU YESUDAS DEENA Loan A/c No. 412100002264**	03.12.2025	Rs. 12005527.00	**SCHEDULE "A" All that piece and parcel of property bearing BBMP Katha No.24/24/Sy.No.8/4 as per Katha Extract and BBMP Katha No.24/24/, as per Katha Certificate, converted land bearing Survey Number &/4, (converted from agricultural purpose to non-agricultural residential purpose vide the Order dated 18.02.2015, in Official Memorandum bearing No.ALN (KRPH) SR:124/14-15, order passed by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore), situated at Nagareshwara Nagenahalli Village, KR.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, presently under the administrative jurisdiction of BBMP, measuring 23 Guntas, with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and bounded on the East by : Land in Sy.No.16, West by : Road, North by: Land in Sy.No.8/3, South by: Land in Sy.No.l and 2. SCHEDULE "B" : 550.548 Sq.ft undivided title and interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule "A" above. SCHEDULE "C" : Flat bearing No.007, in the Ground Floor, measuring about 1476 Sq. feet super built up area, Three bed rooms, together with RCC Roofing, Vitrified flooring together with One covered car parking space, including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, etc., of multistoried residential building known as "SHIRDI SAI CONCORD HEIGHTS" constructed over Schedule "A" Property.**

Place : Bangalore
Date: 17.12.2025

Sd/- Authorized Officer
LIC Housing Finance Limited

HASSAN CO-OPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS SOCIETIES UNION LIMITED

P.B. NO. 120, INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, B.M.ROAD, HASSAN –573201
PH NO : 08172-295436 FAX: 08172-240640 E-mail Address:purchase.hamul@gmail.com

IFT NO.HCMU/PUR/ EPROC/ 4629 /2025-26 DATE:10/12/2025

INVITATION FOR E-TENDER
TECHNICAL CUM COMMERCIAL TENDER

HAMUL invites E-Procurement tender for 1) Providing Bi-Annual maintenance & Service contract of AMCU at MPCS: details available in e portal 2) Quantity & EMD amount: as per bid notification available in e-portal.3) Last date for submission of tender:**29.12.2025** up to 5.00 PM. 4) Technical bid opening: **31.12.2025** at 11.00 AM. 5) Address for communication: Deputy Manager (Pur) at the above address. 6) Tender document may be downloaded from website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/. www.hamul.coop / KMF/2025-26/SE4542**

Sd/- MANAGING DIRECTOR

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Application Notification No. 565/STBA/12/2025

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites sealed applications for appointment of **Station Ticket Booking Agents (STBA)** at the following Railway Stations over Bengaluru Division of South Western Railway for issuing of Unreserved / General Tickets through Unreserved Ticket System (UTS) on commission basis for the period as mentioned against the station:

Sl. No.	Name of the Station	Station Code	Station Category	Period of Contract
1.	Heelalige	HLE	NSG-6	03 Years
2.	Belandur Road	BLRR		

Date and Time of submission of application: From 10:00 Hrs. to 15:00 Hrs. on 16.01.2026

For details log on: www.swr.indianrailways.gov.in

PUB/741/AAMO/PRB/SWR/2025-26 **Senior Divisional Commercial Manager/Bengaluru**

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punjab national bank

Asset Recovery Management Branch (ARMB):
No.26-27, Raheja Towers, East Wing, 1st Floor, M.G. Road, Bangalore-560001.
Tel No. 080-25095087. e-mail : cs8191@pnb.bank.in

Mr G Krishnamurthy (Borrower & Mortgager) &
Mrs Sukanya W/o G Krishnamurthy
#28/6, Kerekathiganoor, Nelamangala, Bangalore - 562123.

NOTICE TO BORROWER/MORTGAGER FOR REMOVAL OF MOVABLE ARTICLES

Take notice that Punjab National Bank is the secured creditor in respect of the Scheduled Asset Site No- 24, Property No- 214/2, New Khata No- 11, PID No- 88-4/11, 7th Cross, First Step Academy, Near Utham Sagar Hotel Signal, Subbaiannapalya, Ward No- 88, Banaswadi, Bangalore has enforced the asset under SARFAESI Act 2002, by way of Physical possession of the property on 12/09/2025 through Advocate Commissioner appointed by the Hon'ble Court.

It has come to our attention that despite evicting the illegal occupants several movable items presumably belongs to you are lying abandoned at the scheduled premises, which have been duly inventoried by the Advocate commissioner. Such wanton storage of your items disturbs the peaceful possession of the property by its lawful owners.

Accordingly, we call upon you to approach the bank within 7 days of this notice to collect the possession of the movable items, after providing due proof of your ownership of such items.

In the event that possession of the movable items is not claimed within 7 days of this notice, it will be deemed that you are not interested in collecting possession of the movable items and bank will be proceeding to dispose of the movable items and adjust the sale proceeds towards expenses incurred by it.

Place : Bangalore **Authorized Officer,**
Date : 17.12.2025 **Secured Creditor.**

punjab national bank

Asset Recovery Management Branch (ARMB):
No.26-27, Raheja Towers, East Wing, 1st Floor, M.G. Road, Bangalore-560001.
Tel No. 080-25095087. e-mail : cs8191@pnb.bank.in

Sri Sridhar P (Borrower/ Mortgager)
Prop.M/s Shree Rama Enterprises S/o S Panduranga
No:1259, Sri Balaji Nilaya, 11th Cross 1st Stage, 11th Phase Chandra Layout Bangalore-560072.
Sri Sridhar P (Borrower/ Mortgager)
Prop.M/s Shree Rama Enterprises
1862/2, MKK Road, Rajaji Nagar, Opp Varalakshmi Nursing Home, Bangalore-560010.

NOTICE TO BORROWER/MORTGAGER FOR REMOVAL OF MOVABLE ARTICLES FROM GODOWN

Take notice that Punjab National Bank is the secured creditor in respect of the Scheduled Asset No:9/2-1 situated at 11th Main Road Prakash Nagar Bangalore-560021 presently comes under the administrative jurisdiction of BBMP, in ward No:23 PID No: 23-26,9/2-1,New PID No:098-W0074-1 measuring East to West 15 feet and North to South 30 feet totally measuring 450Sq ft with building thereon with all civic amenities and has enforced the asset under SARFAESI Act 2002, by way of Physical possession of the property on 19/08/2024 through Advocate Commissioner appointed by the Hon'ble Court.

Public Notice was given in Indian Express and Kannada Prabha on 10/10/2024 to approach the bank with in 7days of the notice to collect the possession of the movable items after providing due proof of ownership of such items.

Despite of providing sufficient time to collect the possession of the movable items, you have not collected the movable items even after lapse of 3 months, we have shifted your movable items to the godown in the presence of Court Commissioner.

Further bank vide letters Dt : 23/01/2025 & 04/08/2025 requested to collect the movable items. But you have not collected your movable items till date.

Hence this final public notice is given to you to collect your movable items within 7 days, failing which movable items will be sold by the bank. Godown and other charges shall be recovered from the proceeds of the sale.

Place : Bangalore **Authorized Officer,**
Date : 17.12.2025 **Secured Creditor.**

IDFC FIRST Bank Limited

(erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited)
CIN : L65110TN2014PLC097792
Registered Office: - KRM Towers, 8th Floor, Harrington Road, Chetpet, Chennai-600031.
Tel : +91 44 4564 4000 | Fax: +91 44 4564 4022

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13 (2) of THE SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT of SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002

The following borrowers and co-borrowers availed the below mentioned secured loans from **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited)** The loans of the below-mentioned borrowers and co-borrowers have been secured by the mortgage of their respective properties. As they have failed to adhere to the terms and conditions of the respective loan agreements and had become irregular, their loan were classified as NPA as per the RBI guidelines. Amounts due by them to **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited)** are mentioned as per respective notices issued more particularly described in the following table and further interest on the said amounts shall also be applicable and the same will be charged as per contractual rate with effect from their respective dates.

Sr No.	Loan Account No.	Type of Loan	Name of Borrowers and Co-Borrowers	Section 13 (2) Notice Date	Outstanding amount as per Section 13 (2) Notice
1	116755659	Loan Against Property	1. Chandrappa N 2. Girijamma V	30.10.2025	INR 7,11,118.65/-
Property Address : All That Piece And Parcel Of The Schedule Property Residential House Bearing Thippasandra Grama Panchayath Khatha No. 9/land E-khatha No. 152900303201700338, Measuring East To West: 14.9352 Mtrs. And North To South: 13.716000000000001 Mtrs. And Total Measuring 204.85 Sq. Meters Is Situated At Thalekere Village, Thippasandra Hobli, Magadi Taluk, Ramanagara District, Karnataka-592131, And **Bounded As:- East:** Road, **West:** House Of Ningamma, **North:** House Of T. M. Venkatesha, **South:** Road					
2	148121220	Loan Against Property	1. Nagendra Prasad NS 2. Mangala Gowramma	20.09.2025	INR 10,59,335.71/-
Property Address : All That Piece And Parcel of The Property Bearing No. 1/1, Having Rdpr Unique Code No./property No. And E-Katha No. 152900202900500218 According To Form No. 9 And 11 A Issued By The Office Of The Rural Development & Panchayath Raj, Sathanuru Grama Panchayathi, Situated At Nagarasanakote Village, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara District, Karnataka-562126, Measuring East To West 8.23 Mtr. And North To South 18.29 Mtr., In Total Measuring 150.52 Sq: Meters And Thereon Building Measuring 75.22 Sq. Meters, And **Bounded As:- East:** Property Of Madayya, **West:** Property Of Govindaiah, **North:** Government Road, **South:** Property Of Chinnagirigowda					
3	66217743	Loan Against Property	1. Parvathamma R 2. Dasegowda R	30.09.2025	INR 8,99,947.72/-
Property Address : All That Piece And Parcel Of The Property Bearing No. 173/1A, Having Rdpr Unique Code No./property No. And E-Katha No. 152900203101100552, According To Form No. 11b Issued By The Office Of The Rural Development & Panchayath Raj, Achalu Grama Panchayathi, Situated At Bommanahalli Village, Kanakapura Taluk And Ramanagara District, Karnataka- 562117, Measuring East To West 11.5824 Mtr. And North To South 27.127200000000002 Mtr., In Total Measuring 314.20 Sq. Meters And Thereon Building Measuring 123.19 Sq. Meters. The Property Is **Bounded On The:- East:** Property Of Doddanna, **West:** Road, **South:** Property Of Mudda Hanumaiah, **North:** Road					

You are hereby called upon to pay the amounts to **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited)** as per the details shown in the above table with contracted rate of interest thereupon from their respective dates and other costs, charges etc., within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which the undersigned shall be constrained to initiate proceedings, under Section 13 (4) and section 14 of the SARFAESI Act, against the mortgaged properties mentioned hereinabove to realize the amount due to **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited)**. Further you are prohibited under Section 13 (13) of the said Act from transferring the said secured assets either by way of sale/lease or otherwise.

Sd/-
Authorized Officer
IDFC First Bank Limited
Date : 17.12.2025 **(erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and**
Place : Ramanagara, Karnataka **presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited)**

IN THE COURT OF THE SUB COURT AT GUDIYATTAM

M.C.O.P.No : 70/2023

1. Sagayamary
2. Minor. Thomas Hentry
Rep., by his mother and natural guardian No.1 **...Petitioners**
-Vs- 1. R. Sampathkumar
2. The Reliance General Insurance Company Ltd., Represented by its Branch Manager, Chennai -46.
3. Kamala. **...Respondents**

R1) R. Sampathkumar, S/o.Rathinam. No:23, 1st Cross, Chamarajpet, Bangalore South, Karnataka State - 560 018.

The above said petition is posted on 29-01-2026 for the appearance of the 1st Respondent. On that day at about 10.30 a.m you should appear before this Hon'ble Court and made your objections either in person or through Advocate. Otherwise Court may pass further orders against you.

S. DEVARAJ, B.Sc., M.A., B.L.
ADVOCATE
Enroll No. MS. 1081/2003
No: 2, Pandara Muthaiyan Street, Pudupet, Gudiyattam, Vellore Dt.- 632 602.
Cell 9943706230

IN THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II
Address : 4th Floor, BSNL Building, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore-560001.

O.A. No. 277/2022

BETWEEN : CANARA BANK ...APPLICANT
AND :
M/s R S TRAVELS ...DEFENDANT

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF RDB ACT, 1993 (as amended)

To, **M/s R S Travels** Office at No.61/91, GR Layout, 19th Cross, 5th Phase, JP Nagar, Bangalore. Represented by its proprietor Mr. Ragavendra.V **...DEFENDANT**

Whereas the Applicant has instituted an Application Under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 (as amended), against the Defendants for a sum of **Rs. 23,58,235/-** as mentioned in the Original Application together with current and future interest and for other reliefs.

The above mentioned Defendant/s is/are hereby directed to appear before this Hon'ble Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly authorized agent in support of his/her/their defense, within 30 days from date of the publication or **on 09.02.2026 at 10.30 a.m.** as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default, the Applicant will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this day 26.11.2025.

REGISTRAR
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II
BENGALURU-1.

IN THE COURT OF THE CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE MAYO HALL COURT BANGALORE (CCH-29)

MISC PETITION No. 25094/2023
IN
O.S. No. 26103/2014

BETWEEN : 1. SHRI. KESHAVA .M, S/o T. Munivenkatappa, Aged about 35 years **2. Sri Krishna .M.** S/o T. Munivenkatappa Aged about 39 years, Both Plaintiffs are residing at No.24, Gubbachi Gudu, Babusa Palya, Kalyan Nagar Post, Bangalore - 560 043....**Petitioner**
AND: SRI. ANNAMALAI & OTHERS **...Respondents**

SUMMONS/NOTICE TO RESPONDENT No.6

MR. SHANKAR .A S/o. Late Y.Annamalai, Aged about 51 years, R/at: No. 117, 6th Cross, Kadirappa Road, Doddigunta, Coxtown, Bengaluru-560 005.

Whereas the Petitioner has filed the above petition for restoration of suit bearing O.S. No. 26103/2014, and same is dismissed for non-prosecution. You are hereby summons/notice to appear before this Hon'ble Court either in person or through the pleader **on the day 20.01.2026 at 11.00 A.M,** CCH-29 to object or otherwise of the said Petition and to defend the above Petition, failing which the matter will be heard ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this 04.12.2025.

By Order of the Court, Deputy Registrar, City Civil Court, Mayo Hall Unit, Bengaluru.
Advocate for Petitioner :
JAGANATHA .M & Associates
No. 62/1A, 3rd Floor, Flower Garden, Babusa Palya, Bangalore-560043.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that my Client Smt Vanishree T a bona-fide purchaser for value, proposes to purchase land measuring 11 guntas in new survey no 82/3 (old survey no. 82) Margondana halli, Kundana hobli, Devanahalli taluk, from GPA holder sri H. V. Suresh Reddy S/O S.Venkatappa and original land lady Smt. Lakshmamma D/O late Patalappa.Any person having any right, title,interest claim or demand or claim of any nature whatsoever in respect of this land is hereby required to make the same known to me in writing along with the documentary proof thereof, to the office below mentioned within 14 days from the date of Publication. If no such written information is received, within time frame said above my client will proceed with sale transactions.

N M Pruthviraj, Advocate
Office:-#2030, 3rd floor, 28th B Cross, 18th Main, Judicial Layout, Yelahanka, Bengaluru 560065. M: 9448016588

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the public that the original sale agreement dated 25/04/2011 executed between Smt. Channappa, Gowramma, Uma, Manjula, Sri Chandra (the owner) and Mr. Rashmi P Ambali (the purchaser) for the property bearing Sy No. 402, measuring 35.5 Guntas, situated at Hosuru Village, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk & Dst, Bounded – East by Landbelongs to Shivaraju, West By – Srinivas, North by- Cheluvaiah. South by- Mahadevaiah & KC Kumar, has been lost. The report of the same has been lodged at the police station. If found, kindly return the document to the undersigned within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. Further, all persons are hereby informed not to deal with or carry out any transaction with the said landowners regarding the above property. If anyone has already carried out or is carrying out any such transaction, kindly inform the undersigned in writing at the below-mentioned address within 7 days from the present notice.

Lex i Advocates - Chandra Chooda
RN No.12, Anu Arcade, 3rd floor, CMH Road, Indranagar, Bangalore 560008.
M: 9742258221

PUBLIC NOTICE

DOCUMENTS LOST

This is to inform the general public that, I, **M Anilkumar Mehta, S/o G M Manoharlal Mehta** R/at No 113/B, Magadi Road, Bangalore have lost the pertained below mentioned Original Documents while transit.

LIST OF DOCUMENTS

1. Document No. 3083/1946-47 registered at the sub-registrar Bangalore North Taluk, dated 13-11-1946.
2. Document No. 1311/1955-56 registered at the sub-registrar Bangalore North Taluk, dated 16-11-1950.
3. Document No.5390/1960-61 registered at the sub-registrar Bangalore city south, dated 22-03-1961.
4. Document No.1654/1961-62 registered at the sub-registrar Bangalore city south, dated 03-07-1961.
5. Document No. 2309/1961-62, registered at the sub-registrar Bangalore city south, dated 10-08-1961.
6. Document No.3469/1966-67, registered at the sub-registrar Bangalore city south, dated 30-07-1966
7. Document No.1849/1961-62, registered at the sub-registrar Bangalore city south, dated 15-07-1961

The Documents pertain to my property situated at K.P.Agrahara Magadi Road, bearing No 7, 7th 'E' Cross, K.P.Agrahara, Magadi Road, Bangalore while being carried for official/legal purposes. The documents include the original title deed and connected property papers. Despite careful search and enquiry, the documents could not be traced. In this regard i have lodge a Police complaint before Bangalore City Crime Branch dated 16.12.2025, vide Lost report No.1960598/2025. If anyone find the above said original documents please return the same to the below mentioned address.

M Anilkumar Mehta
No.113/B, Magadi Road, Bangalore-560 023
Mob: 9845539287
Date: 16.12.2025 Place: Bengaluru

PUBLIC NOTICE

I R.Mahendra Varma practicing Advocate and now I issuing public notice on behalf of my client Canara Bank Vidyaranyapura Branch, Bangalore-560097 and one Smt. Satyavathi D. Hebbar has approached Canara Bank and she availed loan before Canara bank with deposit of original title document sale deed bearing document No.HBB-1-04784/2011-12 and same document duly registered before sub-registrar Hebbal Bangalore and now my client Bank is not traceable same original title deed stated above and after searching of same documents in Bank records not find till hence my client declare that the same document has been misplaced and same document is not traceable hence my client requesting that and any person finding the same original above document or any person having any claim on same document and in any manner should write to the undersigned with documentary proof in support of your claim within **07 days** of issuances of this notice, failing which my client will proceed on the basis that there are no claims on same documents.

Sd/- **R. Mahendravarma,** Advocate,
No.42, R.G.Nagar, M.S.Playa,
Bangalore-560097, Mobile No.: 7795488467.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public is hereby informed that the original Sale Deed dated.07.09.2012, Document No.BNS-1-06200-2012-13, Sale Agreement dated.21.07.2008, Construction Agreement dated.21.07.2008, POA dated.24.05.2012, POA dated.11.05.2011, POA dated.02.02.2023 and A Katha dated.21.07.2023 pertaining to the immovable property described in the schedule below & belonging to my client Mrs. Chitra S Duella and Mr.Giancarlo Duella have been lost. In this regard a complaint has already been registered with the Jurisdictional Police. Finders are hereby requested to return the same to the undersigned. Any transaction based on the lost original sale deed will not be binding on my client, if the same is carried out without his written consent.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of immovable residential Apartment bearing No.B1-2012 in the First Floor in the Apartment Building known as "SOBHA CHRYSANTHEMUM" with a built-up area of 1471.98 Square Feet and 285.46 square feet of proportionate share in common areas with One car parking space in the limited common area of Basement and an undivided 0.19% share i.e., equivalent to 590.62 Square Feet in residentially converted land bearing Survey No.98/1, Survey No.98/2, Survey No.99/1 and Survey No.99/3, situated at Thanisandra Village, Krishnarajpuram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk (presently bearing BBMP No.70/98/1, 98/2, 99/1 and 99/3).

Sd/- **Shiva Kumar Law Firm,**
Advocates and Legal Consultants
No.2, 1st Floor, 2nd Cross, HRBR 1st Block, Kalynagar, Bangalore-32. (Next to Banaswadi Sub Registrar Office)

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General public hereby informed that my client is indenting to purchase the below mentioned schedule property from its owner **Mrs. May Andrea Jackson wife of Late Mr. Wilfred Jackson** residing at No 5/11, 302, Grace Heaven, carleston Road, cook town, Bangalore 560005.

If anybody is having any objection, claim, interest, dispute for the above intended sale transaction, he/she/their may contact the undersigned with the documentary proof substantiating his/her/their objection, claims, details of disputes **within (15) Days** from the date of this publication, Failing which, my client will proceed to complete the sale transaction with the above owner as if there are no third party claims/ objections/ disputes in respect of the schedule property and there after no claims/ objections/ disputes will be entertained.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of property bearing **Site No.20,** House List Katha No.75/2, Formed in the Layout known as **"THE RETREAT",** carved out of SY No.88/1, situated at **HORMAVU VILLAGE, Krihnarajpura Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore,** measuring on East to West on Northern side:93 feet 5 inches, on Southern side: 93 feet 5 inches, North to south on Eastern side:49 feet 3 inches on Western side:78 feet 6 inches, in all measuring **5,984 Sq Ft,,** and property being bounded on:

East by : Private Road
West by : Private Property
North by : House Site No.21
South by : Private Property

VIJAYA RAJ LAW ASSOCIATES
Advocates Legal Consultants
#126, 1st Floor, Gold Palace Jewellers, Dispensary Road, Commercial Street, Bangaluru-560 001.
Mob: 9113814568

यूनियन बैंक Union Bank of India
Asset Recovery Branch, S.R.Nagar, Hyderabad-500038.

CANCELLATION OF E-AUCTION SALE

Please refer to the E-auction Sale Notice published in these columns on **13.12.2025.** It is hereby informed that the auction sale, scheduled on **28-01-2026,** in respect of the property as mentioned in the name of the borrower being **The Brew Café, represented by Partners: Mr. Sundeep Bollineni, Mr. Raj Kumar Medhi** stands cancelled/withdrawn.

Date: 16.12.2025
Place: Hyderabad **Authorized Officer**

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client **Smt.Meena S. and Sri.Srinivasa Reddy R,** residing at Pathanelavanki, Pathanelavanki Post, Srinivasapura, Kolar Karnataka – 563135, has negotiated the purchase of the immovable property from its present owner **Sri.Cyril (M.Thomas and Mrs.Baby Thomas Died)** residing at No.208, Sarjapur Road, near AET College, Doddakannelli, Bangalore East, Carmelaram Post, Bangalore 560035.

If any person/s, Bank/Society /Firm or anybody having any right, title, interest or claims over the below mentioned property, may lodge his/her/their/claims if any in writing with authenticated documentary evidence, to the undersigned within **Seven days** from the date of issuance of this Public Notice, failing which it shall be construed by our client that there are no claims/objections of whatsoever nature in respect of the Schedule property and the intended transaction will be finalized by our client as if no such claims exist or that they have been waived or abandoned and our client will go ahead with the intended sale transaction in respect of the Schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable Residential Property bearing No.05, Katha No.589, Assessment Regd No.8, Sy.No.8, situated at Doddakannelli Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, measuring East to West: 30 feet and North to South: 40 feet in all measuring 1200 Square feet and bounded as follows:-

East by : Property No.04,
West by : Property No.06,
North by : Road,
South by : Krishnappa's Land.

Chandrika P. Shetty, Advocate,
No.22, Ground Floor, Tata Silk Farm near Yediyur Lake, Kanakapura Road, Bangalore-04.

IN THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II
Address : 4th Floor, BSNL Building, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore-560001.

O.A. No. 16/2022

BETWEEN : CANARA BANK ...APPLICANT
AND : M/S TERRAFINE DINE AND HOTEL PVT LTD & OTHERS ...DEFENDANTS

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF RDB ACT, 1993 (as amended)

To, **1. M/s Terrafine Dine and Hotel Pvt Ltd** No. 54, Sri Durga Avenue, 3rd & 4th Floor, 33rd Cross, Jayanagar 4th Block, Bangalore-560011. Represented by its Directors Mr. Krishna .T, Mrs. Shruthi .D
2. Mr. Krishna .T, No. 54, Sri Durga Avenue, 3rd & 4th Floor, 33rd Cross, Jayanagar 4th Block, Bangalore-560011.
3. Mrs. Shruthi .D, No. 54, Sri Durga Avenue, 3rd & 4th Floor, 33rd Cross, Jayanagar 4th Block, Bangalore-560011. **...DEFENDANTS**

Whereas the Applicant has instituted an Application Under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 (as amended), against the Defendants for a sum of **Rs. 26,95,739/-** as mentioned in the Original Application together with current and future interest and for other reliefs.

The above mentioned Defendant/s is/are hereby directed to appear before this Hon'ble Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly authorized agent in support of his/her/their defense, within 30 days from date of the publication or **on 06.02.2026 at 10.30 a.m.** as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default, the Applicant will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this day 26.11.2025.

REGISTRAR
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II
BENGALURU-1.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client **Mr. MOHAMMED SADIQ,** Son of Mr. Mohammed Anwar, Residing at No. 884/B, 17th Cross, 1st Stage, 2nd Block, HBR Layout, Bangalore-560043, intends to purchase the Schedule property mentioned herein below owned by **Mr. D. JAIRAM,** Aged about 67 Years, Son of Mr. R. Dhondusa, Residing at No. 2, Mallikarjuna Temple Street, BVK Iyengar Road Cross,Chickpet Bangalore-560053. Any person/s having objection/s or claims with respect to sale of the said Property may with the documentary evidence lodge their objections/claims within **15 (Fifteen) days** from this Notice.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable Residential **Site bearing No.9C-736,** Situated at HBR Layout, (Hennur-Bellary Road), 1st Stage, 3rd Block, Kalyan Nagar Post Bangalore-560043, Now comes under the jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No. 24, HBR Layout Ward, measuring East to West 60 feet North to south 40 Feet totally measuring 2400 Square Feet and bounded on: East by: Road, West by: Site No. 749, North by: Site No. 735, South by: Site No. 737

Date: 16.12.2025 **Sd/-**
Bengaluru **VOLGA C.P.BAL, LL.B**
ADVOCATE ,
AV LEGAL ASSOCIATES,
Office No. 163/3, Tatavamasi, 2nd cross Sonnappa layout, Hennur, Kalayanagar Bengaluru-560043.
Mob:9379191448, 9886617177

IN THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II
Address : 4th Floor, BSNL Building, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore-560001.

O.A. No. 14/2022

BETWEEN : CANARA BANK ...APPLICANT
AND :
Mrs. DAKSHAYANI M L ...DEFENDANT

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF RDB ACT, 1993 (as amended)

To, **Mrs. Dakshayani M L** W/o Ramesh D R Aged about 39 years, No. 59, Honnappa Layout, Balagangadhara Nagar, Mallathahalli, Bangalore-560 056. **...DEFENDANT**

Whereas the Applicant has instituted an Application Under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 (as amended), against the Defendants for a sum of **Rs. 44,29,559/-** as mentioned in the Original Application together with current and future interest and for other reliefs.

The above mentioned Defendant/s is/are hereby directed to appear before this Hon'ble Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly authorized agent in support of his/her/their defense, within 30 days from date of the publication or **on 09.02.2026 at 10.30 a.m.** as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default, the Applicant will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this day 26.11.2025.

REGISTRAR
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II
BENGALURU-1.

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1 AT BANGALORE
B.S.N.L. Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru-560001

CASE NO: O.A.No.1427/2024
A/c No. '922030011993757

BETWEEN :
AXIS BANK LTD., ...Applicant
AND
3S MEP SOLUTIONS ...Defendants
To,

3S MEP SOLUTIONS, Represented By Its Proprietor Mr. Suheel S S/o. Mr. Syed Saifulla, Aged About 34 Years, No.111/1, Rukmini Nagar, Nagasandra Post, Next To Savi Sagar, Bangalore - 560 073.

SUMMONS ISSUED TO DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23 (Viii) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES OF 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

WHEREAS: the applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions, Act, 1993, against the above defendants for the recovery of sum of **Rs.40,16,585/-** (Rupees Forty Lakhs Sixteen Thousand & Five Hundred Eighty Five Only) amount together with current and future interest, cost and other reliefs.

The above mentioned defendants are required to appear therefore hereby directed to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly instructed in support of their defence to show cause on **09.07.2026 at 10:30 a.m.** as why the relief's prayed for should not be granted. Take notice that in case default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this day **10/12/2025.**

BY THE ORDER OF THE TRIBUNAL
REGISTRAR-1
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1
BANGALORE.

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1 AT BANGALORE
B.S.N.L. Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru-560001

CASE NO: O.A.No.1433/2024
A/c No. '922030026787563

BETWEEN :
AXIS BANK LTD., ...Applicant
AND
Spectra ...Defendants
To,

Spectra, Represented By Its Proprietor Smt. Akshatha H S, S/o. Sri. Susheel S Aged About 36 Years, No.22 And 4, Eradevaiah Arcade, Gidadhakonehalli, Muddinapalya Main Road, Vishwaneedam Post, Vishwaneedam, Bangalore - 560 091.

SUMMONS ISSUED TO DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23 (Viii) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES OF 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

WHEREAS: the applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions, Act, 1993, against the above defendants for the recovery of sum of **Rs. 37,58,771/-** (Rupees Thirty Seven Lakhs Fifty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy One Only) amount together with current and future interest, cost and other reliefs.

The above mentioned defendants are required to appear therefore hereby directed to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly instructed in support of their defence to show cause on **10.07.2026 at 10:30 a.m.** as why the relief's prayed for should not be granted. Take notice that in case default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of the tribunal on this day of **11.12.2025.**

BY THE ORDER OF THE TRIBUNAL
REGISTRAR-1
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1
BANGALORE.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are informed that my client intends to purchase property bearing Old Survey No.100, New Survey No.100/1, Situated at Yettakodi Village, Lakkur Hobli, Malur Taluk, measuring 1 Acre 01 Guntas, and bounded on;

East by	: Private Property
West by	: Property of Venkateshappa
North by	: Road
South by	: Road & Sy No.59 belongs to P.Haseena Taj and her family members

From, P.Haseena Taj W/o Late.Babusabi and Mahaboobbi W/o Late.K.H.Sunnusab and their family members

Any Persons having any right over the said property may lodge their objections/claims with documentary evidence within 15 days from this day to the undersigned.

KCS Associates, Advocates,
Flat No.G-1, Sai Smaran Apartment, 1st Main Road, Pailayout, Bengaluru - 560 016.
Mobile Nos.: 9242323824
Purchaser Ph Nos.9845120898/9845871753.

IN THE COURT OF 28th ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT MAYOHALL BENGALURU (CCH No.29)

EX No. 25092/2025 in O.S. No. 17540/06

Yasmeen Sultana, W/o Sri Zafarulla Khan, R/at #8, 1st Cross, Someshwaranagar, Jayanagar 1st Block, Bengaluru - 560 011 **...Decree Holder**
-V/s-
Bade Sab & Others ...Judgement Debtors

NOTICE To JUDGEMENT DEBTORS 1 to 6

1. Bade Saheb ...Judgement Debtor No.1
2. Madar Saheb ...Judgement Debtor No. 2
3. Samiulla Saheb ...Judgement Debtor No. 3
Prop. S.M. Granites, 568 Avalahalli, Anjanapura Post, Bengaluru-68. All are major sons of Late Lalu, resident of Avalahalli, Bangalore
4. Syed Mohiuddin, since deceased by his Lrs
4 (a) Syed Muddasar, aged about 28 years, (son) JDR 4(a)
4 (b) Syed Muju, aged about 25 years, Son, JDR4(b)
5. Abdul Razack, since deceased by his LRS
5(a) Tausif, Aged Major JDR 5(a)
5(b) Barkath, Aged Major JDR 5(b)
5(c) Mubarak, Aged Major JDR 5(c)
5 (d) Arif, Aged Major JDR 5(d)
All are children of Late Abdul Razack residing at 1st Cross, Raj Ahmed Nagar, R.B.Road, Avalahalli, Anjanapura, Bengaluru-62
6. Timber Merchants Co-operative Society Ltd, No.783, 1st Floor, New Bamboo Bazar Bengaluru-2, represented by his Secretary Sri Shiek Jani Basha S/o Late Shiek Peer aged Major JDR

WHEREAS the Decree holder above named has filed OS No. 17540/2006 dated 31.10.2015 but this Hon'ble Court the above EX No 25092/2025, filed against the Judgement debtors filed on the file of 28th Additional City Civil Judge at Mayohall Bengaluru (CCH No.29) The Judgement debtors 1 to 6 above named are hereby directed to appear before this Hon'ble Court either in person or through the pleader on the **9th day of January 2026 at 11.00 am** to defend the above case, failing which the matter will be heard Ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court, on this 15th day of December 2025 at Bengaluru

By Order of the Court
***Sd/-* Deputy Registrar**
City Civil Court Mayo Hall Unit, Bengaluru
ADVOCATE FOR DECREE HOLDER:
M. SYED ROOHULLA

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of General Public that, our Client **SRI. KOMMAREDDY VENKATESWARA RAO,** S/o. Shri. Samba Siva Rao, aged about 58 years, Residing at No. H.No.15-24-27, 1st Phase Prasad Hospital, KPHB Colony Kukatpally, Hyderabad, Telangana-500 072, is true and absolute owner as well as physical possession and enjoyment of Residential House Property Site No: 295, E-PID No.: 9782317071, Property No.: 347/306/Site No-291/295, Old Khata No.291, Old BBMP Khata No. 806/Site No-295/291, comprised in Property Nos.98, 99 and 100, situated at Ashwathnagara, Munnekolala, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, BBMP Ward No. 86 (Maratahalli), site measuring East to West 40 Feet, North to South 30 Feet, totally measuring 1200 Square Feet, together with the building thereon which is more fully described in the schedule hereunder. Our client submits that, on 08.12.2025 while travelling from Bengaluru to Hyderabad in a KSRTC bus bearing No. KA-57-F-3911, via National Highway No.44, at a stop near Sai Delicacy Hotel, situated at Aruru Cross, Chikkabalapur Taluk, has lost/misplaced the original Registered Sale Deed bearing Document No. MDP-1-10906-2017-18 in Book I, stored in CD No. MDPD226, Dated 7/02/2018 registered in the office of Sub Registrar, Shivajinagar (Mahadevapura), Bengaluru, pertaining to the Schedule Property. Hence Our client had lodged a complaint intimating the loss of the said original sale deed with Peresandra Police Station, Gudibande Circle, Chickballapura District on 08.12.2025. Any person or persons finding the original sale deeds may please to handover the same either to the undersigned or to the owner, if any person claiming any rights, title or interest based on the said Sale deeds should write the undersigned **within 15 days** of this public notice.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Property bearing **Site No: 295, E-PID No.: 9782317071, Property No.: 347/306/Site No-291/295, Old Khata No.291, Old BBMP Khata No. 806/Site No-295/291, comprised in Property Nos.98, 99 and 100,** situated at Ashwathnagara, Munnekolala, Varthur hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, presently comes under administrative jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No. 86 (Maratahalli), **site measuring East to West 40 Feet, North to South 30 Feet, totally measuring 1200 Square Feet,** together with the building thereon comprising of **Stilt Floor measuring 71.74 Sq. Mts (772 Sq. Ft), Ground Floor measuring 71.74 Sq. Mts (772 Sq. Ft), First Floor measuring 71.74 Sq. Mts (772 Sq. Ft) Second Floor measuring 71.74 Sq. Mts (772 Sq. Ft) and Terrace Floor measuring 26.21 Sq. Mts (282 Sq. Ft) in all totally measuring 313.17 Sq. Mts (3370 Sq. Ft),** constructed of brick wall with cement, RCC Roofing, jungle wood doors and windows, mosaic flooring with water, light, sanitation and other civic amenities and including all rights, privileges, appurtenances, and Bounded by: **East by:** Site No.296, **West by:** Site No.294, **North by:** Site No.305, **South by:** Road.

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113/2, Sudha Poorva, 1st Floor, S.C. Road, Seshadripuram, Bengaluru-560 020. Ph: +91 8762904386
E-mail: pranavbgm@gmail.com
Dated: 16-12-2025

STATE INDUSTRIES PROMOTION CORPORATION OF TAMIL NADU LIMITED

19-A, RUKMANI LAKSHMIPATHY ROAD, EGMORE, CHENNAI-600 008
CIN U74999TN1971SGC005967

(ONLINE ONLY)

e-Tender Notice-NIT No.30 SP-I/T.No.30/SIIC-Madurai/2025, Dt.16.12.2025

For and on behalf of State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu Limited, tenders are invited under **"Two Cover System"** through online only for the following work from **qualified Bidders.** Tenders will be received up to **15.30 Hrs** (as per server system clock) on **12.01.2026** and the same will be opened on **13.01.2026** at **15.30 Hrs** (as per server system clock).

Availability of tender documents and all other details are available from **18.12.2025** in the Government website **https://tntenders.gov.in.**

If any changes / corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website.

Name of Work	EMD
E-Tender for Selection of Technological Partner for Design, Operation and Maintenance of SIPCOT Industrial Innovation Centre at Madurai for a Period of 5 Years	Rs.17,00,000/-*

* EMD should be paid through online in the portal (**https://tntenders.gov.in**) or through **eBG** (as per list of Banks attached in the RFP)

The tender schedule can be downloaded at free of cost from the website. **https://tntenders.gov.in**

DIPR/6676/Tender/2025 **MANAGING DIRECTOR**

IDFC FIRST Bank Limited

(erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited) | CIN : L65110TN2014PLC097792
Registered Office: - KRM Towers, 8th Floor, Harrington Road, Chetpet, Chennai- 600031.
Tel : +91 44 4564 4000 | Fax: +91 44 4564 4022

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13 (2) OF THE SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002

The following borrowers and co-borrowers availed the below mentioned secured loans from **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited)** The loans of the below-mentioned borrowers and co- borrowers have been secured by the mortgage of their respective properties. As they have failed to adhere to the terms and conditions of the respective loan agreements and had become irregular, their loan were classified as NPA as per the RBI guidelines. Amounts due by them to **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited)** are mentioned as per respective notices issued more particularly described in the following table and further interest on the said amounts shall also be applicable and the same will be charged as per contractual rate with effect from their respective dates.

Sr No.	Loan Account No.	Type of Loan	Name of borrowers and co-borrowers	Section 13 (2) Notice Date	Outstanding amount as per Section 13 (2) Notice
1	101125194	Loan Against Property	1. PARVATHAMMA V 2. VENKATESHA K	20.08.2025	INR 4,93,106.79/-
Property Address : All That Piece And Parcel Of The Property Bearing No. 291/178, Having Rdpr Unique Code No./property No. And E Katha No.152900402401800690, According To Form No. 9 And 11A Issued By The Office Of The Rural Development & Panchayath Raj, Vibhoothikere Grama Panchayathi, Situated At Vibhoothikere Village, Ramanagara Taluk And District, Karnataka-562159, Measuring East To West 9.144 Mtrs. And North To South 6.4008 Mtrs., In Total Measuring 58.53 Sq. Meters And Thereon Building Measuring 58.53 Sq. Meters And The Property Is **Bounded On The:- East:** House Of Jayalakshmamma **West:** House Of Jayamma Ramaiah **North:** Govt. Road **South:** House Of Parvathamma Venkatesh					

You are hereby called upon to pay the amounts to **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited)** as per the details shown in the above table with contracted rate of interest thereupon from their respective dates and other costs, charges etc., within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which the undersigned shall be constrained to initiate proceedings, under Section 13 (4) and section 14 of the SARFAESI Act, against the mortgaged properties mentioned hereinabove to realize the amount due to **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited)** . Further you are prohibited under Section 13 (13) of the said Act from transferring the said secured assets either by way of sale/lease or otherwise.

Sd/-
Authorized Officer
IDFC First Bank Limited
Date : 17.12.2025 **(erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited**
Place : Ramanagara, Karnataka **and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited)**

STATE BANK OF INDIA

Home Loan Centre, HSR Layout (64065)
Khata No. 241, 19th Main Road, 4th Sector, HSR Layout, Bengaluru - 560 102. Phone: 080-25564065
Email ID: racpc.hsr@sbi.co.in, maint.hsr@sbi.co.in

DEMAND NOTICE TO BORROWERS

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13 (2) OF SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002 (HEREINAFTER CALLED 'ACT ')

The notice is hereby given that the following Borrowers/Mortgager **1) Sri. Rajesh Jalakam S/o. Sri. Jalakam Sudarsanam, 2) Smt.Sujana Y W/o Sri. Rajesh Jalakam** have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loan facility obtained by them from the Bank and the loan accounts have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). The notices were issued to them under Section 13(2) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 on their last known addresses, but they have been returned unserved and as such they are hereby informed by way of this public notice.

1) Name and Address of the Borrowers : 1. Sri. Rajesh Jalakam S/o. Sri. JalakamSudarsanam, No. 3, Sanjeev Reddy Street, 3rd Cross, Subbana Palya, Bachappa Layout, M.S. Nagar Post, Bangalore-560033. **Also at : (i) M/s. TATA ELXSI,** Employee No. 9608, 1st Floor, Brigade Tech Park, Whitefield, Bangalore-560048. **(ii)** S-201, 2nd Floor, "STELLAR AARADHANA", Tindlu Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore-560097. **2. Smt. Sujana .Y** W/o. Sri. Rajesh Jalakam, No. 3, Sanjeev Reddy Street, 3rd Cross, Subbana Palya, Bachappa Layout, M.S. Nagar Post, Bangalore-560033. **Also at : (i) M/s. MICROLABS LTD.,** # 27, Race Course Road, Bangalore-560001. **(ii)** S-201, 2nd Floor, "STELLAR AARADHANA", Tindlu Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore-560097.

A/c No. : HL 62256243699, Suraksha 62256243713

Demand Notice: 26.11.2025 **NPA Date : 29.08.2025**

Amount outstanding (As on the date of notice) : Rs. 11,03,395/- (Rupees Eleven Lakh Three Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Five Only) as on 25.11.2025. You are also liable to pay further interest at the contractual rate from 26.11.2025on the aforesaid amount together with incidental expenses, cost, charges, etc.

Description of the Property : All that piece and parcel of the residential flat bearing No. S 201 in the Second Floor of the Apartment building known as "STELLAR AARADHANA" having super built up area of 1030 Sq. feet containing Two Bedrooms, One Hall, Dining Hall, Kitchen together with 317.24 Sq. feet undivided share of the property bearing No.224 and 225, CMC, Khatha No.300/301/40/13, situated at Tindlu Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, now within the limits of Byatarayanapura CMC, measuring East to West: 67 feet and North to South: 60 feet, standing in the name of Sri. Rajesh Jalakam S/o Sri. Jalakam Sudarsanam and **bounded on : East by :** Private Property, **West by :** Private Property, **North by :** Site No. 221, **South by :** Road.

Sale Certificate dated 16.11.2012 has been registered in favour of Sri. Rajesh Jalakam S/o Sri. Jalakam Sudarsanam in Book No.1 under Document No. KCH-1-04102-2012-13 stored in CD No. KCHD115 at the Office of Sub Registrar, Gandhinagar (Kacharakanahalli), Bengaluru on 16.11.2012.

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above Borrowers /Mortgager are hereby called upon to make payment of outstanding amount within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which further steps will be taken after expiry of 60 days from the date of this notice under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest Act, 2002.

The Borrowers /Mortgager attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

Date : 26.11.2025 **Sd/- Authorised Officer & Chief Manager**
Place : Bengaluru **State Bank of India, Home Loan Centre HSR Layout, Bengaluru.**

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II AT BANGALORE
OA.NO. 1682/2024

BETWEEN:
Yes Bank Limited,
Having Its Branch Office At, Prestige Obelisk, Municipal No.3, Ground Floor, Kasturba Road, Bangalore-560001 **Applicant**
And
1. Vikas Kumar Tiwari
S/O Jageshwar Prasad Tiwari Aged About 55 Years Flat No. 1403, Manthri Manyata Lithos 14th Foor, Business Park, Nagawara Outer Ring Road, Near Ni Building, Manyata Embassy Bangalore-560045.
Also At : **Vikas Kumar Tiwari**
S/O Jageshwar Prasad Tiwari Aged About 55 Years No. 3699-A, 13th D Main, 9th Cross Road, Hal 2nd Stage, Indiranagar, Bangalore-560038 **DEFENDANTS**
NOTICE ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993
WHEREAS, the Applicant has instituted an application Under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 against you for Recovery of a sum of **Rs. 31,63,683.15/- (Rupees Thirty- One Lakhs Sixty- Three Thousand Six Hundred and Eighty-Three and Fifteen Paisa Only)** agents in support of their defense to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on at **10.30 A.M.**, as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted. **20/01/26**
Take notice that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of this tribunal on this **26th day of September 2025**
Registrar - Debts Recovery Tribunal-II Bangalore

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II AT BANGALORE
OA.NO. 1667/2024

BETWEEN:
Yes Bank Limited.
Having Its Branch Office At, Prestige Obelisk. Municipal No.3, Ground Floor, Kasturba Road, Bangalore-560001 **APPLICANT**
AND
1. M/S Tatulege India Pvt Ltd And Others Having Its Registered Office At No. 33-B, Mathigiri Village, Andhivadi Check Post, Attibele Road, Hosur, Krishnagiri-635100. Pan: Aafct5205d - Mob: 9886520628.
2. Mr J Shankara Babu
Aged About 43 Years, S/O Mr. Palaniswamy Jaganathan, R/A No. 165, Palaniswamy Jaganathan, Tital Township, Mathigiri, Titan School, Hcf Post, Hosur-635109.
3. Mr Dhamodharan, S/O Ganapathy, Aged About 48 Years, R/A No. 364/2, B-202, Srinidhi Residency, Basavanagar Main Road, Basavanagar, Bangalore-560033 **DEFENDANTS**
NOTICE ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993
WHEREAS, the Applicant has instituted an application Under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 against you a sum of **Rs. 21,88,583.59/- (Rupees Twenty One Lakhs Eighty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Three and Paisa Fifty Nine Only)** agents in support of their defense to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication org **20/01/26/10.30 A.M.**, as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted.
Take notice that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of this tribunal on this **day 26th of September 2025**
Registrar - Debts Recovery Tribunal-II Bangalore

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II AT BANGALORE
OA.NO. 1628/2024

BETWEEN:
YES BANK LIMITED,
HAVING ITS BRANCH OFFICE AT. PRESTIGE OBELISK, MUNICIPAL NO.3, GROUND FLOOR, KASTURBA ROAD, BANGALORE-560001 **APPLICANT**
AND
1. Mr. Vimal Kumar Jain,
S/o Mr. Budhmal Jain. Aged about 62 years, R/a No. B-905, Salarpuria Melody Apartment, Pantharpalya, Mysore Road, Bangalore-560039. PAN: AHAPJ2905J - MOB: 9243495123
Email: starbearingbangalore@gmail.com
Also at. Mr. Vimal Kumar Jain,
No. 23. Shop No: 3A 4th Floor, Arihant Complex, 6th Cross. New Kalasipalyam, JC Road, Bangalore-560002. **Also at,**
Mr. Vimal Kumar Jain, No. 127/1, Pantharpalya Village, Birla Apple Spire, 14th Floor, Pattanagere, Kengeri, Bangalore-560060. **DEFENDANTS**
NOTICE ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993
WHEREAS, the Applicant has instituted an application Under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 against you for Recovery of a sum of **Rs. 21,78,158.93/- (Rupees Twenty- One Lakhs Seventy-Eight Thousand One Hundred and Fifty-Eight and Ninety-Three Paisa Only)** agents in support of their defense to show cause within 30 days from at 10.30 A.M., as to why the date of publication or on **20/01/26** reliefs prayed for should not be granted.
Take notice that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of this tribunal on this day **26th of September 2025**
Registrar - Debts Recovery Tribunal-II Bangalore

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II AT BANGALORE
OA.NO. 1683/2024

BETWEEN:
YES BANK LIMITED,
HAVING ITS BRANCH OFFICE AT, PRESTIGE OBELISK, MUNICIPAL NO.3, GROUND FLOOR, KASTURBA ROAD, BANGALORE-560001 **APPLICANT**
AND
1. PRINCE HR SERVICES PVT LTD 3rd Floor, L 139, 15th Cross Road, 5th Main, Sector 6 Hsr Layout, Bangalore-560102.
2. Mr. Brijesh Bachchan Yadav S/O Mr. Bachchan Yadav, Aged About 32 Years, No. 89, 4th Floor, 9th Cross, 10th Main, Iti Layout, Hsr Layout, Yellukunte Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068
3. Mr. Sanjay Chedilal S/O Chedilal Yadav Aged About 33 Years Room No. 219, Sai Samruddhi Apartment, Tulinj Road, Saraswati School, Santhi Nagar, Nallasopara, Thane Maharashtra-401209 **DEFENDANTS**
NOTICE ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993
WHEREAS, the Applicant has instituted an application Under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 against you for Recovery of a sum of **Rs. 25,30,858.86/- (Rupees Twenty- Five Lakhs Thirty Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-Eight and Eighty-Six Paisa Only)** agents in support of their defense to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on **26/11/25 at 10: 30 A.M.**, as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted.
Take notice that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in Given under my hand and seal of this tribunal on this **10th day of September 2025**
Registrar - Debts Recovery Tribunal-II Bangalore

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK (A Scheduled Commercial Bank) | **Registered Office:** **The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.**

DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF SARFAESI ACT, 2002.

Whereas you the below mentioned Borrower's, Co-Borrower's, Guarantor's and Mortgagors have availed loans from **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited,** by mortgaging your immovable properties. Consequent to default committed by you all, your loan account has been classified as **Non-performing Asset,** whereas **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** being a secured creditor under the Act, and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(2) of the said Act read with rule 2 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued **Demand notice** calling upon the Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors as mentioned in column No.2 to repay the amount mentioned in the notices with future interest thereon within **60 days** from the date of notice, but the notices could not be served on some of them for various reasons.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor	Loan Account No. & Loan Amount	Details of the Security to be enforced	Date of NPA & Demand Notice date	Amount Due in Rs. / as on
1	1) Mrs. Saritha, Prop. **M/s. Flower Business, Also at: M/s. Flower Business,** 2) Mr. Manjunatha	Loan Account No. 46659410000611 46659440000455 Loan Amount: Rs.5,00,000/- Rs.4,30,000/-	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All that piece and parcel of the Eastern Portion of property bearing No.21 in Sy.No.12, situated at Guddadahalli Village, Kasaba Hobali, Bangalore North Taluk, Now Comes Under the Limits of BBMP, Bangalore and **Bounded by the: On the East:** Road, **On the West:** Middle portion of Site No.21, **On the North:** Wide Road and Property No.20, **On the South:** Property No.22. Measuring East to West 11.06 feet and North to South: 23 feet, Total measuring 264.50 Sq.feet.	Date of NPA: 02-12-2025 Demand Notice Date: 15.12.2025	**Rs.7,71,870.51** (Rupees Seven Lakh Seventy One Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy and Fifty One Paisa Only) **due as on 11-12-2025**

Notice is therefore given to the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor & Mortgagor as mentioned in Column No.2, calling upon them to make payment of the aggregate amount as shown in column No.6, against all the respective Borrower/ Co-Borrower within **60 days** of Publication of this notice as the said amount is found payable in relation to the respective loan account as on the date shown in Column No. 6. It is made clear that if the aggregate amount together with future interest and other amounts which may become payable till the date of payment, is not paid, **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** shall be constrained to take appropriate action for enforcement of security interest upon properties as described in Column No.4. Please note that this publication is made without prejudice to such rights and remedies as are available to **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** against the Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors of the said financials under the law, you are further requested to note that as per section 13(13) of the said act, you are restrained/ prohibited from disposing of or dealing with the above security or transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise of the secured asset without prior consent of Secured Creditor.

Date: 17.12.2025, Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorised Officer, For Jana Small Finance Bank Limited**

ICICI Bank | Branch Office: ICICI Bank Limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068

PUBLIC NOTICE - TENDER CUM E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET

[See proviso to rule 8(6)]
Notice for sale of immovable assets

E-Auction Sale Notice for the sale of immovable asset(s) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
This notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Limited will be sold on 'As is where is', 'As is what is' and 'Whatever there is' as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price / Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of E-Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Mr. Shejir Peringattuthodiyil (Borrower) Shajahas P T (Co-Borrower) Loan Account Number TBBNG00006858918	All That Piece And Parcel of Immovable Residential Apartment No. A-108 on First Floor of The Building of Skygold Jeevankeerthi Commanders Aeroview" Having E-Khatha No. 150300201901021333 Apartment Measuring 1053 Sqft Super Built- Up Area One Covered Car Park And Bounded on: East By: Flat No.105 & Passage, West By: Set Back Area & Driveway, North By: Set Back Area & Flat No.109 South By: A-107 Situated At Chikkasanne Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore	Rs. 72,67,847/- (As on December 04, 2025)	Rs. 39,00, 000/- / Rs. 3,90, 000/-	January 04, 2026 from 11:00 AM to 02:00 PM	January 20, 2026 from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM
2.	Mr. Shejir Peringattuthodiyil (Borrower) Shajahas P T (Co-Borrower) Loan Account Number TBBNG00006858893	All That Piece And Parcel of Immovable Residential Apartment A-102 on First Floor of The Building of Skygold Jeevankeerthi Commanders Aeroview" Having E-khatha No.150300201901021332 Apartment Measuring 1040 Sqft Super Built-up Area One Covered Car Park And Bounded on: East By: Setback Area & Driveway, West By: A-110 & Passage, North By: Flat No. A-101 South By : Flat No. A-103107 Situated At Chikkasanne Village, Kasabahobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore	Rs. 70,38,964/- (As on December 04, 2025)	Rs. 39,50, 000/- / Rs. 3,95, 000/-	January 04, 2026 from 11:00 AM to 02:00 PM	January 20, 2026 from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM
3.	Mr. Shejir Peringattuthodiyil (Borrower) Shajahas P T (Co-Borrower) Loan Account Number TBBNG00006858888	All That Piece And Parcel of Immovable Residential Apartmentno. A-204 on Second Floor of The Building of Skygold Jeevankeerthi Commanders Aeroview". Having E-khatha No.150300201901021338 Apartment Measuring 1040 Sqft Super Built-up Area One Covered Car Park And Bounded on: East By: Setback Area & Driveway, West By : Passage & A-209 North By: A-203 South By: A-205: Flat No. A-103 107 Situated At Chikkasanne Village, Kasabahobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore	Rs. 71,71,260/- (As on December 05, 2025)	Rs. 39,00, 000/- / Rs. 3,90, 000/-	January 04, 2026 from 11:00 AM to 02:00 PM	January 20, 2026 from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM
4.	Mr. Farhanaz Khan (Borrower) Loan Account Number TBBNG00006682069/ LBBNG00006754030	Apartment No.A-501 on Fifth Floor of the building of Skygold Jeevankeerthi Commanders Aeroview". Having e-khatha No.150300201901021308 apartment measuring 1045 sqft super built-up area One covered car park situated at Chikkasanne Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk,Bangalore and bounded on: East by : Setback area & Driveway, West by : A-511 & Passage, North by : Setback area & B Block South by : Flat No. A-502	Rs. 62,03,881/- (As on December 05, 2025)	Rs. 40,00, 000/- / Rs. 4,00, 000/-	January 04, 2026 from 11:00 AM to 02:00 PM	January 20, 2026 from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM
5.	Mr. Rohan Jerome Dsouza (Borrower) Jyothi M Crasta (Co- Borrower) Loan Account Number TBBNG00006753792/ LBBNG00006755985	All that piece and parcel of immovable Residential Apartment No.B-302 on Third Floor of the building of SKYGOLD JEEVANKEERTHI COMMANDERS AEROVIEW". Having e-khatha No.150300201901021348 apartment measuring 1006 sqft super built-up area One covered car park situated at Chikkasanne Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk,Bangalore and bounded on: East by : Set back area & drive way, West by : Passage & Flat No.B-307, North by : Stair case & Flat No B-301, South by : Flat No.B-303.	Rs. 69,89,298/ (As on October 08, 2025)	Rs. 38,00, 000/- / Rs. 3,80, 000/-	January 04, 2026 from 11:00 AM to 02:00 PM	January 20, 2026 from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM

The online auction will be conducted on the website (https://assets.matexauctions.com) of our auction agency M/s Matex Technologies Limited The Mortgagors/ Noticees are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest by January19, 2026 before 04:00 PM else the secured asset(s) will be sold as per schedule.
The prospective bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Bank Limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068 Branch on or before January19, 2026 by 05:00 PM Thereafter, they have to submit their offer through the website mentioned above on or before January19, 2026 by 05:00 PM along with the scanned image of the Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. In case the prospective bidder(s) is/ are unable to submit his/ her/ their offer through the website, then the signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at ICICI Bank Limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068 Branch on or before January19, 2026 by 05:00 PM Earnest Money Deposit DD/ PO should be from a Nationalised/ Scheduled Bank in favour of 'ICICI Bank Limited' payable at Bangalore.
For any further clarifications in terms of inspection, Terms and Conditions of the E-Auction or submission of tenders, contact ICICI Bank Employee Phone No. 7304918084.
Please note that the Marketing agencies 1. M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited, 2. Augeo Assets Management Private Limited 3. Matex Net Pvt. Ltd. 4. Finvin Estate Deal Technologies Pvt Ltd 5. Girnarsoft Pvt Ltd 6. Hecta Prop Tech Pvt Ltd 7. Arca Emart Pvt Ltd 8. Novel Asset Service Pvt Ltd 9. Nobroker Technologies Solutions Pvt Ltd have also been engaged for facilitating the sale of this property.
The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons.
For detailed Terms and Conditions of the sale, please visit www.icicibank.com/n4p4s

Date : December 17, 2025 Authorized Officer
Place: Bengaluru ICICI Bank Limited

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the following share certificate(s) of **ICAM SOLUTION PRIVATE LIMITED,** held by the shareholders mentioned below, have been reported lost and cannot be found despite diligent search.

Name of Shareholder	Folio No.	Certificate No.	Distinctive Nos.	No. of Shares
SFO Technologies Private Limited	05	2, 3, 4, 10, 11, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19. 20	11-33, 255	33, 245
Nagoor Jehangir Rawther	06	1	1-10	10

The Company proposes to issue duplicate share certificate(s) in place of the above after the expiry of **7 days** from the date of publication of this notice, provided no valid objection is received by the Company.
Any person(s) having any claim, objection, or interest in respect of the above share certificate(s) is hereby requested to notify the Company by email within **7 days** from the date of this notice at: **k.padmanabhan@nestgroup.net**
If no objection is received within the stipulated period, the Company will proceed to issue duplicate share certificate(s), and no further claims shall be entertained thereafter.
For ICAM SOLUTION PRIVATE LIMITED
Sd/-
Nagoor Jehangir Rawther, Director, DIN: 00002790

ಮಾನ್ಯ ಪ್ರಧಾನ ಹಿರಿಯ ವ್ಯವಹಾರ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಧೀಶರ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯ ಮತ್ತು ಜೆಎಂಎಫ್‌ಸಿ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯ, ಸಾಗರ
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ಪಿರ್ಯಾದುದಾರರು : ಹೆಚ್.ಟಿ.ಸುರೇಶ್ ಬಿನ್ ತೇಜಪ್ಪ ಶೆಟ್ಟಿ, ವಯಸ್ಸು ಸುಮಾರು 40 ವರ್ಷ, ಹರುಡಿಕೆ, ಯಲಗಳಲೆ ಗ್ರಾಮ, ಭೀಮನಕೋಣೆ ಅಂಚೆ, ಸಾಗರ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಶಿವಮೊಗ್ಗ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ
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ಆರೋಪಿ: ರವಿ ಗಣೇಶ್ ಬಿನ್ ರಾಜಚಂದ್ರಶೇಖರ, ವಯಸ್ಸು 51 ವರ್ಷ, #12 ಕಮ್ಮಸಂದ್ರ, ಚಂದ್ರಾಪುರ ಸರ್ಕಲ್, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು, ಆನೆಕಲ್.
ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ
ಪಿರ್ಯಾದಿ ಆರೋಪಿ ವಿರುದ್ಧ ನೆಗೋಶಿಯಬಲ್ ಇನ್ಸುಟ್ರುಮೆಂಟ್ ಕಾಯ್ದೆಯ ವಿಧಿ 138 ರಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕರಣ ದಾಖಲು ಮಾಡಿದ್ದು, ಸದರಿ ಪ್ರಕರಣದಲ್ಲಿ ಆರೋಪಿಯ ವಿರುದ್ಧ 7,00,000 (ಏಳು ಲಕ್ಷ ರೂಪಾಯಿ) ಚೆಕ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ನಮೂದು ಮಾಡಿ ಪಿರ್ಯಾದಿಗೆ ನೀಡಿದ್ದು ಸದರಿ ಚೆಕ್ ಬೌನ್ಸ್ ಆಗಿದ್ದು, ಈ ಸಂಬಂಧ ಆರೋಪಿಯ ವಿರುದ್ಧ ಸೂಕ್ತ ಕಾನೂನು ಕ್ರಮ ಜರುಗಿಸುವಂತೆ ಕೋರಿ ಪ್ರಕರಣ ದಾಖಲಿಸಿದ್ದು, ಸದರಿ ಪ್ರಕರಣದಲ್ಲಿ ಆರೋಪಿಗೆ ಹಲವು ಬಾರಿ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯದಿಂದ ಸಮನ್ಸ್ ನೀಡಿದರೂ ಸಹ ಜಾರಿಯಾಗಿರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಆರೋಪಿಗೆ ಸನ್ನಿಧಿ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯದ ಆದೇಶದಂತೆ ಪತ್ರಿಕಾ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ನೀಡುವುದರ ಮೂಲಕ ಸದರಿ ಪ್ರಕರಣದ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ನೀಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದು, ಈ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಆರೋಪಿಯು ಖುದ್ದು ಯಾ ವಕೀಲರ ಮೂಲಕ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯಕ್ಕೆ ಹಾಜರಾಗಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳು, ಅಹವಾಲುಗಳು ಇದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ನಿಗದಿತ ಮುದ್ದತ್ತು ದಿನಾಂಕ: 21–01–2026 ಕ್ಕೆ ಹಾಜರಾಗಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ತಿಳಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಒಂದೊಮ್ಮೆ ತಪ್ಪಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಮುಂದಿನ ಕಾನೂನು ಕ್ರಮವನ್ನು ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳಲು ಪಿರ್ಯಾದುದಾರರು ಹಕ್ಕುವುಳ್ಳರಾಗಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ.

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ಮಾನ್ಯ ಪ್ರಧಾನ ಹಿರಿಯ ವ್ಯವಹಾರ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಧೀಶರ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯ ಮತ್ತು ಜೆಎಂಎಫ್‌ಸಿ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯ, ಸಾಗರ

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POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule - 8 (1)] (For immovable property)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **Union Bank of India, Dodballapur Branch (00502)** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Second) Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a **Demand Notice dated 30.06.2025** calling upon the **Borrowers : (a) Mr. R. Narayanaswamy S/o Late Ramegowda, (b) Mrs. Shoba W/o R Narayanaswamy, (Guarantor/ Mortgagor),** Both are Residing at: Gaddambachalli Village, Thimmasandra PO, Doddaballapur Taluk, Bengaluru Rural Dist. Bengaluru – 561203. to repay the amount mentioned in the notice of **Rs. 1,14,33,177.00 (Rupees One Crore Fourteen Lakh Thirty Three Thousand One Hundred and Seventy Seven Only)** and interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules 2002 on this **15th day of December 2025.**
The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Union Bank of India, **Dodballapur Branch (00502)** for an amount **Rs. 1,18,02,711/- (Rupees One Crore Eighteen Lakh Two Thousand Seven Hundred Eleven Only)** and further interest/charges thereon.
The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.
Description of Secured Assets:
Schedule Property
All that piece and parcel of the residential site bearing No. 40, Corresponding to Kaneshumari No. 1396/6/3/40, formed in Sy.No. 6/3, situated at Kodigehalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk (now comes under the jurisdiction of Municipal Council of Bytrarayanapur Nagara sabe Bengaluru), measuring East West on Northern side 40 Ft. on Southern Side 36 Ft. X North South 40 Ft. totally admeasuring 1520 Sq. Ft. together with residential building thereon (GF+FF+SF) admeasuring 3762 Sq. Ft, belonging to Mr. R Narayanaswamy and Mrs. Shoba W/o R Narayanaswamy, bounded by: **East:** NTI Property, **West:** Site No. 39, **North:** Site No. 21, **South:** Road.
Date: 15.12.2025 **Sd/-**
Place: Dodballapur **Authorised Officer Union Bank of India**

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E-AUCTION
NOTICE OF SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES ON 02.01.2026

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) / Rule 9 (1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Constructive Possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer (details mentioned below), will be sold on **"As is where is" and "As is what is" basis on 02.01.2026** at the below mentioned timings for recovery of dues with further interest and cost thereon due to the **Karnataka Bank Ltd.**
The details are as under: Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposits details are as under & the Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before **01.01.2026 at 4.00 pm** through online payment to the Account No. details of which are given below or by way of DD favouring **Karnataka Bank Ltd.**

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrowers/Mortgagors/Guarantors/ Co-Obligants and Loan Account No.	Balance O/S Rs. Future Interest From + Costs	Possession Date Possession Type	Description of the Property/ies	Reserve Price (Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs.	Auction Time	Incremental Value of the Bid	Branch Name & Account Details for Remitting EMD/ IFSC Code
1	**(1) Mrs. Jonna Amrutham** W/o Mr. Bhaskar Naidu J **(2) Mrs. Chandra Gopi Krishna** W/o Mr. Gopi Krishna **(3) Mrs. Mohita** W/o Mr. Suresha B **(4) Mrs. Jhansi B** W/o Mr. Ashok K **(5) Mr. Ashok K** S/o Mr. Nagarathnam All are addressed at: No.362/1, 8th Cross, RMV 2nd Stage, 2nd Block, AECS Layout, Sanjaynagar, Bengaluru-560004 **Loan A/c Nos.:** **(1) PSOD 0557000600021601** **(2) PSTL 0557001800043901** **(3) PSTL 0557001800047901**	**Total Rs.4,11,83,543.33 [Rupees Four Crore Eleven Lakh Eighty Three Thousand Five Hundred Forty Three and Paise Thirty Three Only]** **[(1) Rs.3,18,20,249.29 01.12.2025 + (2) Rs. 5,29,721.58 11.12.2025 + (3) Rs. 88,33,572.46 11.12.2025]**	**12.02.2025 & Constructive**	All that part and parcel of residential property measuring **2325 sq ft** together with building constructed thereon bearing **Site No.3/362, Khatha No.178-A, New Municipal No.44/13, PID No.100-183-10, BBMP Ward No.100,** situated at 8th Cross, Geddalahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru-560094 belonging to **Mrs. Jonna Amrutham.** Boundaries of property as per Document & Actual: East by: Remaining portion of House List No.3/362, West by: 40 feet Road, North by: N S Mani's Property / Vacant site, South by: Property No.363.	**Rs. 4,81,00,000/- (Rupees Four Crore and Eighty One Lakh Only)**	**Rs. 48,10,000/- (Rupees Forty Eight Lakh Ten Thousand Only)**	**10.30 AM to 10.45 AM**	**Rs. 1,00,000/-**	**Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch : Bengaluru – Malleshwaram A/c No: 0553500200004101 IFSC:KARB0000055**
2	**(1) M/s Vandana Sky Wards, Represented by its Managing Partners, Mr. Sudhakar T and Mr. Kumar T, Addressed at :** Sy. No.153/2 & 153/3, Dodda Thogur Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru-560102, **(2) Mr. Sudhakar T,** S/o Late. T Bhaskar Chowdary, **Addressed at :** No.406, Vandana Primerose, 3rd Sector, HSR Layout, Bengaluru-560102, **(3) Mr.T.Kumar** S/o Late Kondama Naidu, **Addressed at :** No.32, 15th Cross, Ashok Nagar, 1st Stage, Bengaluru- 560050, **(4) Mrs. Suneetha T,** W/o Mr. T Sudhakar, **Addressed at :** No.406, Vandana Primerose, 3rd Sector, HSR Layout, Bengaluru-560102 **(5) Mrs. Premala T** W/o Mr. Kumar T, Addressed at : No.32, 15th Cross, Ashok Nagar, 1st Stage, Bengaluru-560050 **(6) Ms. Bhavana T** D/o Mr.T Sudhakar, **Addressed at :** No.406, Vandana Primerose, 3rd Sector, HSR Layout, Bengaluru-560102, **(7) Mrs. Rajitha T** W/o Mr. Thulasi Babu K R **Addressed at :** No.32, 15th Cross, Ashok Nagar, 1st Stage, Bengaluru- 560050, **(8) Mrs. Mamatha T** W/o Mr. Kumar Raja **Addressed at :** No.116/2, SVM Paradise, Flat No.2E, Nagappa Reddy Layout, 9th Cross, B Narayanapura Extension, Bengaluru-560016 **(9) Mrs. Aruna S** W/o Mr. Sathishkumar M, **Addressed at:** No.90, Vinayaka Nilaya, SBM Cross, Road, Uttarahalli Main Road, Bengaluru-560061. **Loan A/c Nos.:** **TL A/c No.0907001600526201**	**Rs.19,63,53,699.92 [Rupees Nineteen Crore Sixty Three Lakh Fifty Three Thousand Six Hundred Ninety Nine and Paisa Ninety Two Only 11.12.2025**	**18.12.2024 & Constructive**	All that part and parcel of the portion of the commercial premises having a total built up area of **2,40,049.65 sq ft** in the following manner: **(1)** Northern portion of the Basement-4 Floor having a built up area of **29,517.28 sqft (2)** Southern portion of Basement-3 Floor, having built up area **29,517.28 sq ft (3)** Northern portion of the basement -2 Floor having a built up area **29,517.28 sq ft (4)** Southern portion of Basement-1 Floor, having a built up area **31,843.85 sq ft (5)** Northern portion of the Ground floor having a built up area **18,373.44 sq ft (6)** Southern portion of the First Floor having a built up area **27,656.46 sq ft (7)** Northern portion of the Second floor having a built p area **26,851.97 sq ft (8)** Southern portion of the Third floor having a built up area **26,851.97 sq ft (9)** Northern portion of the Fourth floor having built up area **19,920.42 sq ft.** Together with 58% of the undivided share, right, title & interest over the lands measuring 1 Acre 15 Guntas in Sy. No.153/2 & 18 Guntas in Sy, No.153/3 of Doddathoguru Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru belonging to M/s Vandana Sky Ward's Represented by its Managing Partners **Mr. Sudhakar T and Mr. Kumar T, Boundaries of property as per Document : East by:** Land in Sy.No.150, **West by :** Road and land in Sy.No.107, **North by :** Land in Sy.No.153/4, **South by :** Road formed in Sy.No.153/1.	**Rs. 39,00,00,000/- (Rupees Thirty Nine Crore Only)**	**Rs. 3,90,00,000/- (Rupees Three Crore Ninety Lakh Only)**	**10.15 AM to 10.30 AM**	**Rs. 10,00,000/-**	**Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch : Bengaluru – Basavanagudi A/c No: 0903500200004101 IFSC:KARB0000090**
3	**(1) M/s Golden Aqua Traders Represented by its Partners i) Mr. K Brahmananda Reddy and ii) Mr. Veludruthi Balaji Addressed at :** No.425, K No.1225, Kiran Kuteera, 1st Main, 2nd Cross, Talacauvery Layout, Amruthhalli, Bengaluru-560092 **(2) Mr. K Brahmananada Reddy, S**/o Mr. Chowdi Reddy **Addressed at :** No.425, K No.1225, Kiran Kutera, 1st Main, 2nd Cross, Talacaauvery Layout, Amruthhalli, Bangalore-560092 **(3) Veludruthi Balaji ,** S/o Mr. Veludruthi Ramu, **Addressed at :** No.5-109-1, Rajakulapeta, Palakoderu Mandalam, West Godavari, Andhra Pradesh -534210 **(4) Mrs. Aruna Brahma,** W/o Mr. K Brahmananda Reddy **Addressed at:** No.425, K No.1225, Kiran Kuteera, 1st Main, 2nd Cross, Talacauvery Layout, Amruthhalli, Bengaluru-560092 **(5) Ms. Sona B,** D/o Mr. K Brahmananda Reddy **Addressed at :** No.425, K No.1225, Kiran Kuteera, 1st Main, 2nd Cross, Talacauvery Layout, Amruthhalli, Bengaluru-560092. **Loan A/c No.:** **(1) PSOD A/c No.7927000601011701** **(2) PDPN A/c No.0537001400017701** **(3) PSTL A/c No. 7927001800119701**	**Total Rs.13,41,10,203.65 [Rupees Thirteen Crore Forty One Lakh Ten Thousand Two Hundred Three and Paise Sixty Five Only)** **[(1) Rs. 11,95,61,501.49 01/12/2024 (2) Rs. 1,09,99,877.92 09.12.2025 (3) Rs.35,48,824.24 11.12.2025]**	**23.06.2025 & Constructive**	**Item No:1 :** All that piece and parcel of the residential **3 BHK Flat No.B-425** situated in the B Block, Fourth Floor, of the Multi-Storeyed building known as **"SVS Patels's Cllisto"** having a built up area of **1605 sq ft** along with 667.60 SqFt of Undivided Share, right ,title and interest over the property bearing Sy No.13 totally measuring 3 acres 39 guntas & site bearing No.398 measuring 1268 sq ft, both situated at Talakaverinagr, Amruthahalli Village, Yelhanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk and amalgamated as one property totally measuring totally measuring 1,74,419 Sq ft with BBMP Khata No. 1307/1143-6/1/398/13, with one covered parking space in B Block with rights over all open spaces and common areas of the building belonging to **Mr. K Brahmananda Reddy .Boundaries of Flat : East by :**Open to Sky, **West by :** Entrance /Corridor & Flat No.B-426, **North by :** Open to Sky, **South by :** Duct/Lift/Staircase.	**Rs. 1,25,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore Twenty Five Lakh Only)**	**Rs. 12.50.000/- (Rupees Twelve Lakh Fifty Thousand Only)**	**10.45 AM to 11.00 AM**	**Rs. 1,00,000/-**	**Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch : Bengaluru – Ashoknagar A/c No: 0533500200004101 IFSC:KARB0000053**
				Item No. 2: All that piece and parcel of the **Site No.26/P measuring 1520 Sqft ,** in BDA approved Layout names as **"Rajivgandhinagar",** NTI Layout, 2nd Phase, bangalore-which is carved out Sy No.82, of Byatarayanapura Village , Yelhanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District with AC Street Structure situated there belonging **Mr. K Brahmananda Reddy .** Boundaries of Property : **East by :** Site No.26/O, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Site No 26/A, **South by :** Road.	**Rs. 2,00,00,000/- (Rupees Two Crore Only)**	**Rs. 20.00.000/- (Rupees Twenty Lakh Only)**	**11.00 AM to 11.15 AM**	**Rs. 1,00,000/-**	

(The borrower's/mortgagor's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset).
(This Notice shall also serve as Notice under Sub Rule (6) of Rule 8/Sub Rule (1) of Rule 9 of Security Interest Enforcement Rules-2002 to the Borrower/Guarantors).
For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to link in Karnataka Bank's Website i.e. https://karnatakabank.com under the head "Auction Notice".
The E-auction will be conducted through portal www.auctionbazaar.com on **02.01.2026** at above mentioned time with unlimited extension of 05 minutes. The intending bidder is required to register their name at **www.auctionbazaar.com** and get the user Id and password free of cost and get training i.e. online training on E-auction (tentatively on **01.01.2026**) from **M/s ARCA EMART PVT LTD** (Known by their **website: www.auctionbazaar.com**) Auction Bazaar, 7-1-28/1/A/1, Park Avenue 1, Ameerpet, Begumpet, Hyderabad, Secunderabad, Telangana, India – 500016, **Contact No. :** 8885035382, E-mail : **contact@auctionbazaar.com and disposal.karnataka@auctionbazaar.com.**

Date : 15.12.2025
Place: Bengaluru
Sd/- Assistant General Manager & Authorised Officer, Karnataka Bank Ltd.

EDITORIAL

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NEW BILL DILUTES RURAL JOBS AS A RIGHT, BURDENS STATE FINANCES

A fresh controversy has been triggered by a new Bill that seeks to replace the fairly successful, two-decades-old rural jobs scheme. First, the Viksit Bharat-Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) Bill proposes to extend to 125 the number of days of work guaranteed every year, from 100 under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act. Second, it alters the funding pattern from a full central payout to 60:40 sharing between the Centre and most states; the ratio for the northeastern and northern hill states is 90:10.

MGNREGA was enacted in 2005 as an answer to crushing rural poverty. It aimed to boost rural incomes and create durable infrastructure like water bodies and roads. It was a revolutionary move that made rural employment a right. It's odd of the current government to tinker with the success story when rural jobs are hard to come by. The scheme serves not only as a safety net during droughts and other crises; it also empowers rural communities because the funding is demand-driven, with the planning left to local bodies like panchayats. Neither can it be explained by the NDA government's penchant for renaming old schemes. Why drop Mahatma Gandhi's association with a rural jobs scheme?

The G-Ram-G Bill's proposal to increase the days of employment is a gain. But under the existing scheme, work is to be provided for "not less than 100 days", leaving it to the states to raise the cap when necessary. The more consequential new feature is about sharing the financial burden of the ₹86,000-crore scheme with the states. At the proposed ratio, cash-strapped states will have to bear about ₹50,000 crore of the projected cost next year. Another setback is the scheme's suspension for 60 days every year during peak agricultural seasons. This weakens job guarantee as a right and takes demand flexibility away from job seekers. The current scheme is far from perfect—for one, it insists on providing only unskilled work. There is also as much as ₹9,746.39 crore due at present in wages, material payments, and administrative costs. However, these can be set right by improving the old law. Why throw out the baby with the bathwater?

GREATER ACCOUNTABILITY MUST FOLLOW MLAs' RAISE

YEAR-end celebrations arrived early for Odisha legislators as the proposal for a three-fold hike in their salary was approved by the state assembly on the last day of the winter session. Ratifying four Bills, the legislature cleared the raise for the members, the speaker, the deputy speaker, and ministers. With a paycheque of ₹3.45 lakh a month, Odisha's MLAs will now be among the highest paid in the country. The chief minister will draw ₹3.74 lakh in salary and allowances. An MLA's fixed salary will go up from ₹35,000 to ₹90,000, and allowances will rise from ₹65,000 to ₹2.55 lakh. Former legislators will be entitled to a larger pension. The last raise in the assembly was in 2017; the latest revision comes with retrospective effect from June 2024.

The Bills passed unanimously in the House as, unsurprisingly, the raise found resonance among all parties. But outside, a debate was raging on the rationale behind the move. Amid this, BJD chief and opposition leader Naveen Patnaik went on to announce he would forgo the increased salary and allowances, and wrote to Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi to spend it on the poor. That gesture was called out by his political opponents, who pointed out that neither he nor his party opposed the Bills on the floor of the House.

The hike in Odisha has again triggered an old question: should lawmakers not be paid handsomely to keep politics clean? Truth be told, the salaries of most MLAs were well below senior public servants'. Now consider that an MLA represents about 3 lakh people on an average. Such is the nature of politics that lawmakers have to dig into their pockets to meet the expenses of attending to constituents on a regular basis. Insulation from the lures of corruption requires that elected representatives are paid well, as Singapore ensured years ago.

On the other hand, a raise in salary and allowances must entail more accountability, responsibility, and transparency on part of the legislators. It comes at a time when thousands of government teachers and contracted government employees are agitating over job regularisation and fair pay. While the legislators have revised their own remunerations, they should also look at the legitimate demands of others with the same empathy and seriousness.

QUICK TAKE

PROMISE FOR THE MARGINALISED

ONE of the first education schemes instituted by independent India's first government was to fund overseas education for a bunch of Indians. A modern-day version of it, the National Overseas Scholarship, was instituted in 2014-15 to offer full financial support to low-income students from scheduled castes and tribes, minority communities, and persons with disabilities. Numbers presented in the Lok Sabha on Tuesday showed that the scheme remains severely underserved after a decade. Out of the 106 candidates selected for 2025-26, final award letters were given to only 67, while 13 took deferrals and 23 withdrew. Only 11 candidates from the scheduled tribes in Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, and Odisha ever got the funds out of a nationwide total of 138. Here's hoping there will be a drive to promote the scheme in territories where it can truly transform severely marginalised communities.

Dysfunctional municipalities across India fail to vest power in those responsible for essential services. Urban life can improve by penalising non-performers, fixing last-mile gaps and institutionalising aesthetics

CRUCIAL BITES FOR TOOTHLESS CITY ADMINISTRATORS

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Senior BJP leader

MANDAR PARDIKAR

QUALITY of urban life is a subject of eternal relevance. Sadly, it has also become a holy cow. No one dares to slaughter it, but no one seriously feeds it either. Parliamentary committee reports indicate that the 'hardware' of urban India—metros, housing complexes, sewage plants—is being built at an unprecedented pace. Yet the use of this infrastructure and ultimately the quality of citizens' lives depends on the 'software' of governance.

As city dwellers in Maharashtra prepare to vote in several municipal corporation elections, it is pertinent to reflect on a long list of issues crying out for attention. Here are six fundamental concerns that merit wider public discourse, consensus-building and—most importantly—honest political will. Ideally, these issues should dominate discussions as competing parties seek a popular mandate.

The list begins with linking all state and central grants to the performance of municipal bodies. Urban local bodies spend substantial funds received from higher governments, but owing to corruption and mismanagement, overall improvements in the quality of urban life remain elusive. The 15th Finance Commission made a significant attempt to reform municipal finance by tying grants more closely to performance outcomes than in the past.

One critical new metric proposed is the maintenance of 'squatter-free public areas'. Expanding this to include the proportion of encroachment-free pavements would help create a quantifiable index. Equally important is penalising non-performing corporations that allow slums or illegal shops to mushroom on streets. Such disincentives would push urban bodies to perform better.

A major reason for pervasive corruption in urban bodies is that mayors and elected representatives are left with little real decision-making power. Despite the 74th Constitutional Amendment of 1992, devolution of authority to urban local bodies has remained incomplete and largely cosmetic. Ironically, the official with power—the municipal commissioner—is not directly accountable to citizens, while the official with accountability—the mayor—lacks authority. Consequently, constitutionally mandated institutions of local self-government continue to be weakened.

Excessive concentration of power in state governments has made local governance fragile and unresponsive. The prevailing 'strong commissioner–weak mayor' model reduces the mayor to a ceremonial figurehead. This imbalance cascades downward: councillors, left without authority, often resort to exploiting their nuisance value, leading to the accumulation of ill-gotten wealth and emboldening black-money operators in politics.

Land is the most finite and fiercely contested resource in urban India. The existence of so-called 'vacant land' in urban agglomerations presents a dual challenge—it is both a wasted asset that could host public infrastructure and highly vulnerable to encroachment, eventually spawning unserviceable squatter settlements. Addressing this requires a dedicated institutional mechanism: a commissionerate for vacant lands.

While the impact of the Maharashtra Vacant Lands (Prohibition of Unauthorised Occupation and Summary Eviction) Act, 1975 needs reassessment, the July 2024 establishment of the Hyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Protection Agency (HYDRAA) deserves close study. It could serve as a robust prototype. HYDRAA links asset protection with disaster management and, unlike conventional municipal enforcement—which is often toothless—operates with a dedicated force and police coordination, ensuring enforcement without political interference.

Failure to prevent illegal hutments has also facilitated cross-border infiltration, with the potential to significantly alter urban demography. Unlike in villages, illegal migrants can seamlessly blend into megacities. Spaces beneath flyovers, near traffic signals and along railway tracks have become safe havens. A demographic audit is therefore a necessary governance tool to ensure urban planning is grounded in reality rather than outdated census data.

Multiple reports on land encroachments have also flagged how unchecked demographic shifts near sensitive zones—such as defence installations and railway infrastructure—pose serious security risks.

The quality of urban life is inversely proportional to commute friction. While India is rapidly expanding metro rail networks—set to become the second-largest in the world—last-mile connectivity remains the Achilles' heel. In many cities, ridership falls short of projections because the door-to-station journey is more expensive and time-consuming than the metro ride itself. The ministry of housing and urban affairs has rightly identified last-mile connectivity as a critical focus area.

One promising experiment is transit-oriented development. To solve the last-mile problem structurally, cities are encouraged to bring people closer to transit hubs. High-density, mixed-use development within walking distance of stations is promoted by allowing higher floor-space indices. This approach densifies transit corridors and reduces dependence on private vehicles.

The final imperative is the institutionalisation of art, heritage and culture committees in every municipality. A liveable city is not merely functional—it is aesthetic, culturally vibrant, and distinct in character. The Model Building Bylaws, 2016, advocate this very approach, arguing that aesthetic interventions must move beyond ad hoc beautification.

They recommend that art and culture committees vet proposals for murals and public installations to ensure alignment with local cultural contexts. Several reports have also proposed a public art fund, financed by earmarking, say, one per cent of the budget of new flyovers or metro stations for public art. This would embed aesthetics into infrastructure planning, ensuring that beauty is not an afterthought but a core element of urban development.

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A GAP BETWEEN LIFE & LOUDSPEAKER

C P SURENDRAN
Author whose latest volume of poetry is *Window with a Train Attached*

A few months ago, the Election Commission issued me my first voter identity card. I had never voted before. I gave my Thrissur address because in old age I did not think breathing Delhi's air was sustainable, though I am not at home in Kerala either. That estrangement is my problem alone: I am never at home anywhere.

For the first time, I thought I would honour my political relevance in the local elections whose results were announced Sunday. When the people came for the special intensive revision, I was away. At the village office, I filled out the form, and they told me the SIR slip would reach me through local party workers.

'The party' in Kerala usually means the CPI(M). In the last decade, little has moved in the state without the party as a middleman. The idea is to make you feel indebted. To flourish in Kerala, you need to belong to a party or organisation, preferably the CPI(M), which has infiltrated civic structures—exactly the "institutional takeover" Rahul Gandhi recently accused the BJP of at the national level.

On Friday, I went to the booth. Everyone was polite and helpful in telling me I did not exist as a voter—despite the EC-issued card and several other documents. It has always been clear to me that official Indian identity can never be proved categorically. It is because we don't truly exist that we must hoard PAN, passport, ration card, and Aadhaar to prove that we do. Indian citizenship is an abstract concept.

Though I could not vote, close to three-quarters of Keralites did, and many voted against the CPI(M) in favour of the Congress-led UDF, which did a very good job of presenting itself as a viable alternative, helped among other things by the Sabarimala gold theft under the CPI(M)'s watch. They were likely voting out the middlemen.

At the heart of this churn lies a convergence of leadership style, governance fatigue, and shifting social coalitions—especially among women and historically loyal communities. A hitherto-bipolar politics is now slowly gravitating towards a third alternative, the BJP-led NDA.

Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala's capital, now has a municipal corporation under BJP's sway after decades of CPI(M) rule. That the BJP is a rising power in the state is one of the most telling results of this election. Similar gains in other corporations and panchayats underline a new, if still limited, urban foothold.

That space has been created largely by default, by the failure of the Left front, inseparable from Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan's persona. His undying love for himself is visible on billboards and at events. The party works as his PR machine, much like Narendra Modi and the BJP. The difference is that Modi is more skilful and his party's exploitation of identities more systematic and on a far vaster scale. Locally, the effect has been to enable the BJP to pose as an active option.

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> In Kerala, the CPM permeates most civic institutions. As the party has become inseparable from Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan's persona, local failings are also read as the state government's failure. This transference partly caused the LDF's loss of the state capital's municipality

Ward and municipal elections differ from state and national polls in that they are more intimate expressions of lived experiences. The LDF has been quick to claim credit for everything, but it failed to explain steep rises in water charges, power bills, and property transaction costs, even as it dispensed freebies, cash awards, and food kits from a perpetually bankrupt exchequer.

Local bodies increasingly looked up to the chief minister's office for direction. The failure of a corporation was read as the failure of the state government.

The LDF's loss of the Thiruvananthapuram Corporation is the clearest expression of this transference of blame. Chronic waste-management crises, infrastructural stagnation, and administrative drift created conditions under which a once-remote BJP could plausibly position itself as a governance alternative—politically unthinkable not long ago.

Women voters in Thiruvananthapuram, Kochi, and Thrissur prioritised everyday governance: waste disposal, waterlogging, broken footpaths, public transport, lighting, and safety. These failures affect women first and most persistently. The LDF's earlier advantage among women, built on welfare delivery and Kudumbashree, yielded diminishing returns in cities where its rhetoric became repetitive—a kind of dystopian magical realism born of the gap between life and loudspeakers.

This was not, however, a pro-BJP women's wave. Many women voted tactically—some towards the UDF, some towards the BJP—primarily to dislodge incumbents rather than to endorse ideology.

Christian voters, especially in Kochi and Thrissur, consolidated quietly behind the UDF, guided by comfort with coalition politics and unease with both CPI(M) ambiguity and the BJP's long-term intentions. This consolidation proved decisive in central Kerala city corporations.

The BJP in the state, and to a lesser extent the UDF, now paint a rosy picture of 'viksit Kerala'. They are deluding themselves. Compared to many other states, Kerala is far ahead on crucial human-development indicators. Its work culture, political values, and relatively secular approach to life mean that the model of 'development' on offer in, say, Uttar Pradesh or Bihar is not materially attractive here. Half the population is abroad; the young are migrating in large numbers to Europe and Australia. No one is seriously looking to a factory future.

Given Kerala's uniform urbanisation, high education levels, and environmental awareness, the only realistic development path is in artificial intelligence and knowledge work. This is what the CPI(M), stuck at best on techno-parks, should have pursued with clarity and urgency. Their thinking is clearly outdated. After all, how can you have a revolution without proletarians? And the answer is, there is no revolution. Move on.

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Football fumble

Ref: *Good, bad and ugly sides of Messi mania* (Dec 16). The frenzy revealed serious lapses in event planning, crowd management, and elitist entitlement. We truly remain unprepared to host world-class football events. This episode must serve as a wake-up call if India truly aspires to grow its sports ecosystem.
Aabha Sarda, Bengaluru

Credit Congress

Ref: *Kerala local polls* (Dec 16). The results not only reflect voter disenchantment, but also the tactical miscalculations of the Left. The Congress-led UDF must be credited for renewed organisational strength and political adaptability. A sustainable momentum depends on how effectively it builds on these lessons.
Muhammed Yazeed, Kozhikode

Security resolve

Ref: *Shifting codes of conduct* (Dec 16). The column rightly captures a quieter but firmer shift in India's strategic posture, where restraint now coexists with resolve. Ambiguity, when managed well, can deter miscalculation without inviting escalation. Signalling must be consistent and credible.
Avinashiappan Myilsami, Coimbatore

Centre-state balance

Ref: *The evolving politics of cess* (Dec 16). Health funding matters, but opacity weakens trust. Ring-fencing procedures and not being transparent toward states hinders the preparedness to grow, erodes federal balance and corrodes democratic accountability nationwide for citizens.
Abbharna Barathi, Chennai

Independent campuses

Ref: *Mamata can't be univ chancellor* (Dec 16). A VC who lacks academic grounding may struggle to understand the ethos of a university and may prioritise bureaucratic compliance over academic independence. Such appointments could dilute the academic spirit of universities. This fear is neither imaginary nor exaggerated, given recent experiences in several campuses.
Muhammed Fasil, Malappuram

Dynastic pick

Ref: *Nabin takes charge* (Dec 16). The 'party with a difference' has failed to follow a democratic process by handpicking its working president. While the new appointee has grassroots experience, he also carries a dynastic legacy. On this count, the BJP can no longer target the Congress.
N Nagarajan, Hyderabad

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Mallikarjun Kharge @kharge
No matter how much force this "vote-stealing government" employs to crush democracy, we will continue our fight for 1.4 billion Indians and to save this Constitution.

Saket Gokhale MP @SaketGokhale
Modi has shamelessly ERASED Mahatma Gandhi's name & replaced it with his PR jumla of "Viksit Bharat". His ego has reached a level where he thinks he's above the Father of our Nation.

Jagat Prakash Nadda @JPNadda
Congress leaders must understand that they need to introspect not on the Election Commission, but on their own work style.

'Sustaining high growth gets harder as the base expands'

The '47 target of India becoming developed banks on nominal growth and exchange rates, says CEA V A Nageswaran at the 30th edition of **Delhi Dialogues**

IN a wide-ranging interaction at **Delhi Dialogues**, Chief Economic Adviser **V Anantha Nageswaran** challenges prevailing narratives on rural distress, private investment, inequality and data credibility, arguing that India's policy choices must be judged against global realities rather than static benchmarks. **Excerpts:**

Santwana Bhattacharya: There is a perception of rural economic stress and a call for a major course correction in economic policy. How do you assess the rural economy and the need for policy shifts?
I must challenge the premise. The rural distress narrative has reversed post-Covid. Earlier, a K-shaped recovery was used to describe a booming urban economy and a lagging rural one. Today, the same K is invoked to argue that rural India is strong and urban India is weak.

The data does not support a stress narrative. Rural real wages are growing positively and accelerating. We see this reflected in strong rural sales of two-wheelers, four-wheelers and tractors.

As for course correction, we must recognise the significant policy actions already taken. Less than a year ago, substantial direct tax relief was provided. More recently, major indirect tax relief was announced. The RBI has cut policy rates by 100 basis points and introduced liquidity measures. Since the elections, the government has launched employment-linked incentive schemes, apprenticeships and skilling missions.

Household savings are another important indicator. When savings fell below 5 percent of GDP, there was concern. This rose to 5.3% in 2023-24 and, according to the RBI, reached 6% in 2024-25. Financial liabilities have declined while financial assets have increased. In a country as large as India, anecdotes can always be found to support any belief, but the macro data does not point to distress requiring an emergency course correction.

Santwana Bhattacharya: Public capital expenditure has driven growth. What will trigger a broad-based private capex cycle?
We should rely on data rather than perception. Post-Covid, we now have three years of national income data. The year 2021-22 saw a strong bounceback. Private capex growth in 2022-23 was reasonable. The disappointment of 2023-24 has disproportionately shaped public perception. Bottom-up data from over 1,700 companies shows that private capex rebounded in 2024–25.

India's gross fixed capital formation-to-GDP ratio is around 31%. In today's global environment, marked by uncertainty and intense manufacturing competition from China, this is a creditable outcome. Expecting a return to the 35-37% ratios seen during 2003-08 is unrealistic. Developed economies are seeking to onshore production, while Indian firms must invest both at home and abroad to retain markets in the face of Chinese competition.

SHEKHAR YADAV

Dipak Mondol: The IMF has given India a 'C' grade for national accounts data quality. This fuels scepticism about high growth numbers. Your take.
This is not an elephant in the room, it is a minor issue. The IMF introduced letter grades only in 2024. India's median rating across all data categories remains a "B". The "C" applies only to national accounts.

Growth is measured by comparing like with like over time. The same database, with the same limitations, is used year after year, which makes growth comparisons valid regardless of deficiencies. Issues like base-year revision and the use of a single deflator are well known and are being addressed by the Ministry of Statistics, with improvements expected by 2026.

Dipak Mondol: Critics argue that the GDP deflator is too low and inflates real growth.
That argument is procedurally flawed. For quarterly GDP estimates, real GDP is estimated first for about 60% of the economy and inflation is added later to derive nominal GDP. It is not a process of deflating a nominal number. Therefore, the criticism doesn't apply to quarterly estimates.

Pushpita Dey: The IMF suggests the $5 trillion economy target is slipping. What is your assessment?
Nobody, least of all the IMF, has said it is not possible. In fact, the IMF's latest World Economic Outlook projects India's GDP at $6.6 trillion by 2030–31.

As of March 2025, India stood at $3.9 trillion. Reaching $4 trillion this year requires only about 2.5% growth in dollar terms. Historically, India's dollar GDP has grown at an average of 8.6% annually over the past three decades. Rupee depreciation may moderate dollar growth this year, but the medium-term trajectory remains intact.

Pushpita Dey: How do you justify relaxing Quality Control Orders when cheap Chinese imports remain a concern?
Policymaking is about trade-offs and iteration. If Quality Control Orders on intermediate goods make finished products unviable and hurt small and medium enterprises, they must be fine-tuned. Policy is not cast in stone but requires continuous calibration between protecting upstream industry and preserving downstream competitiveness.

Arshad Khan: US tariff hikes have affected certain manufacturing sectors. How is the government responding?
We have announced targeted relief, including measures to ease cash-flow constraints and support export market diversification. Free trade negotiations with the Gulf, Canada, the UK and the EU continue, while engagement with the US remains ongoing. Industries have adapted by finding alternative markets, and the impact appears milder than initially feared.

Amitava Sanyal: When will India become a developed nation? Can 8% growth be sustained?
Development is not merely an income threshold. It must be assessed holistically, including well-being, sustainability and liabilities. Sustaining 8 percent growth becomes mathematically harder as the base expands. Even growth that takes India to a $20–25 trillion economy by 2050 would be a monumental achievement. The 2047 target is aspirational and depends on nominal growth and exchange rates.

Amitava Sanyal: With 800 million people receiving free food rations, what does that say about the economy?
That is a question of political economy and I will leave it at that.

V V P Sharma: Has inequality increased and are the rich taxed adequately?
It depends on the metric. Post-fiscal inequality, after taxes and transfers, presents a different picture, particularly given subsidies on food, power and education. Capital is far more mobile than labour and excessive taxation risks unintended consequences. The objective of public policy should be to expand equality of opportunity.

Amitava Sanyal: Why has manufacturing's share of GDP remained near 17% despite the PLI push?
China's massive overcapacity depresses global prices and makes it extremely difficult for other countries to build competitive manufacturing scale. The PLI scheme is helping India gain footholds in strategic sectors, but the challenge remains significant.

Preetha Nair: There is fear new labour codes promote a hire-and-fire culture.
This debate has existed since the 1990s. Any dynamic system requires freedom of exit to enable entry. The issue is balancing the rights of those who have jobs with those seeking employment, not framing it as a zero-sum conflict.

Santwana Bhattacharya: What are the next major reform frontiers?
Land-use reform for industry, power distribution reforms and energy transition legislation are critical. We also face challenges from artificial intelligence, climate transition costs and the mental and physical health of young Indians. The deepest reform is building a high-trust society, where credible institutions enable economic relationships beyond kinship networks.

Santwana Bhattacharya: Industry leaders argue India needs a stronger R&D push. Is there a plan?
The building blocks are in place. The government has committed ₹1.5 lakh crore over five years through the Anusandhan National Research Foundation and Research and Development Infrastructure Fund for both research and commercialisation. The task now is effective governance and execution to translate funding into innovation.

No Nehru papers missing from Teen Murti: Govt

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

IN a twist to the political sparring over "missing" papers of India's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, the Union government on Friday told the Lok Sabha that no documents linked to Nehru were found to be missing from the Prime Ministers' Museum and Library (PMML) during its annual inspection. The government said the routine verification exercise at the PMML had not flagged the absence of any records or correspondence associated with Nehru,

A political row erupted in September after Rizwan Kadri, a member of the Prime Ministers Museum and Library (PMML) Society said he had written to Congress leader Sonia Gandhi to allow physical or digital access to private papers related to former Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru that are in her possession. Kadri claimed that the historical records related to Nehru including his letters to Lady Mountbatten were withdrawn following the instructions of Congress leader Sonia Gandhi in 2008.

Replying to a question by BJP MP Sambit Patra, Union Culture Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat said in a written response,"No documents related to India's first Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, have been found missing from the museum during the annual inspection of the PMML in the year 2025."

Sharing the response on X, Congress general secretary incharge communications Jairam Ramesh sought to know if the party can expect an apology on the issue. "The truth was finally revealed in the Lok Sabha yesterday. Will there be an apology forthcoming?"

PMML Society, the key decision-making body of the PMML, is helmed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi as its president, and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh as the vice-president.

The minister was also asked whether PMML has "formulated any policy" for conducting an annual audit of the documents available in the museum. "No, there is no annual audit of documents in the Prime Ministers' Museum and Library,". Shekhawat said in the reply.

Asked whether the said documents were "improperly and illegally removed" from the museum, Shekhawat said, "Does not arise." The Union Minister further said in the Annual General Meeting of the PMML in 2025 that "no decision regarding the non-availability of documents related to Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the first Prime Minister of India, was taken".

PMML is housed in Teen Murti Bhawan, which also hosts the Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya. The Teen Murti Bhawan in central Delhi, after Nehru's death, was turned into the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library (NMML), housing a rich collection of books and rare records. It was renamed the PMML Society in 2023.

POWER CORRIDOR

LS CLEARS REPEALING OR AMENDING BILL

The Lok Sabha on Tuesday passed a bill for repealing or amending 71 obsolete and outdated laws. The bill was passed by a voice vote. It seeks to repeal 71 Acts, including The Indian Tramways Act, 1886, the Levy Sugar Price Equalisation Fund Act, 1976, and the Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (Determination of Conditions of Service of Employees) Act, 1988. The Bill also seeks to amend four Acts, including the General Clauses Act, 1897, the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, and The Indian Succession Act, 1925.

GOVT: STEEP DECLINE IN DENGUE CASES & DEATHS

The centre on Tuesday said that there has been a 48.85% decline in dengue cases and 64.15% decline in deaths in the country till November 2025 as compared to the corresponding period. In a written reply, Union Health Minister JP Nadda said, the National Center for Vector Borne Diseases Control (NCVBDC) administers the National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme (NVBDCP) for prevention and control of vector borne diseases such as dengue in the country. The minister also said the case fatality rate currently is 0.08% .

Judges Inquiry Act not followed in cash row case: Judge moves SC

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Tuesday issued notice and sought a detailed reply from the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha Secretariats after hearing a plea by Allahabad High Court Judge Justice Yashwant Varma challenging the impeachment proceedings against him on the ground that the Judges Inquiry Act, 1968, was not followed and that the motion was not passed by both Houses on the same day.

A two-judge bench of Justice Dipankar Datta on Tuesday issued notices to the two secretariats and sought their replies on Justice Varma's plea. "We issue notice and seek reply," said the court.

Knocking on the doors of the SC, Justice Varma — against whom a Parliamentary Committee has been constituted under the Judges (Inquiry) Act, 1968, to probe corruption charges — sought appropriate orders on the issue. He has also challenged the legality of the three-member committee constituted solely by the Lok Sabha under the procedure provided by the Judges Inquiry Act.

Justice Varma, in his plea, said that the introduction of motion regarding his removal in both the Houses of Parliament mandates that the committee must have been formed jointly by both the Houses and not unilaterally by the Speaker of the Lok Sabha.

Earlier, the inquiry panel had found piles of burnt and unburnt cash at Justice Varma's residence after examining more than 55 witnesses, and the committee recommended his removal.

The panel in its 64-page report indicted Justice Varma for his misconduct. "This committee holds the money/cash that was found in the storeroom located within the premises of 30 Tughlaq Crescent... officially occupied by Justice Varma," the probe panel said.

Modi begins maiden Ethiopia visit, seeks to deepen ties across sectors

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

INDIA and Ethiopia on Tuesday elevated their bilateral relationship to a strategic partnership following wide-ranging talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Ethiopian counterpart Abiy Ahmed Ali in Addis Ababa.

PM Modi, who arrived in Ethiopia from Jordan on his maiden bilateral visit to the country, was accorded a ceremonial welcome at the National Palace ahead of the talks.

Modi said the elevation of ties would provide "new energy, new momentum and new depth" to India--Ethiopia relations. He thanked the Ethiopian leadership for its support to India in the fight against terrorism, underlining the importance of cooperation among friendly nations on the issue.

The two leaders discussed collaboration in areas including trade and investment, innovation, technology, defence, health, capacity building and multilateral engagement.

Modi announced that India would double the number of scholarships offered to Ethiopian students for higher education in India. He also highlighted the long history of people-to-people contacts between the two countries, describing them as democratic partners committed to peace and development in the Global South.

He noted Ethiopia's central role in African diplomacy as the host of the African Union headquarters and recalled India's role during its G20 presidency in 2023 in securing permanent membership of the African Union in the grouping.

The Prime Minister said that although this was his first visit to Ethiopia, he felt a strong sense of warmth reflecting the centuries-old ties between the two nations.

PM gets Ethiopia's highest civilian honour

PM Narendra Modi was on Tuesday conferred Ethiopia's highest civilian honour, The Great Honour of the Nishan of Ethiopia, by Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed Ali. The award was presented during a special ceremony held at the Addis International Convention Centre.

Zero tolerance on terror: EAM to Israel minister

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

EXTERNAL Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Tuesday strongly condemned the terror attack at Sydney's Bondi Beach and said that India and Israel share a policy of "zero tolerance" towards terrorism.

Jaishankar is in Israel on a two-day visit during which he held discussions with his Israeli counterpart Gideon Moshe Sa'ar. "Let me first of all convey our very, very sincere, deep condolences at the loss of life due to the terror attack at Hanukkah celebrations in Bondi Beach. We condemn it in the strongest possible terms," he said.

At least 15 people were killed and 40 others injured when two gunmen opened fire on a gathering during the Jewish festival 'Hanukkah by the Sea' celebration on Sunday.

Deported Luthra brothers arrested, sent on 2-day remand to Goa police

SUMIT KUMAR SINGH & UDAYAN KISHORE @ New Delhi

GAURAV and Saurabh Luthra, owners of the Birch by Romeo Lane nightclub in north Goa's Arpora, where a massive fire killed 25 people on December 6, were handed over to the Goa Police on a two-day transit remand on Tuesday. Earlier in the day, they were arrested after they landed in Delhi following their deportation from Thailand. The Goa Police will now escort the Luthra brothers to Goa for further questioning.

The Indian Embassy had to issue two emergency certificates because the External Affairs Ministry had impounded and later cancelled the Luthra brothers' passports.

During the court proceedings, the Luthra brothers were seen breaking down in tears and embracing their family members inside the court premises.

Gaurav Luthra, co-owner of the Goa nightclub being taken to Patiala House Court in New Delhi | PTI

The Delhi-based businessmen had fled to Thailand within two hours of the blaze. They booked tickets to Phuket, Thailand, on the intervening night of December 6 and 7, when the Goa Police and Fire Services were still engaged in rescue operations at the nightclub.

Indian authorities had approached Thai officials as well as Interpol, to seek the brothers' deportation. India also issued a Blue Notice through Interpol.

The two were spotted during an outing in Phuket and detained in their hotel room in Thailand following a request from India on December 11.

They had applied for anticipatory bail before a Delhi court, via their counsel, from Thailand. They argued that they had gone to Thailand for work, adding that they were 'not absconders'. However, the Goa police dismissed their claims, saying the brothers had no business interests in Thailand. Police also told the court that the brothers had not cooperated with the authorities and had tried to mislead them.

The brothers organised the fire show despite knowing that their nightclub lacked an emergency exit door.

WINTER DISRUPTIONS

Dense fog and intensifying winter conditions disrupted daily life across Uttar Pradesh on Tuesday, with visibility dropping sharply in several regions, obscuring landmarks leading to a noticeable decline in number of morning pilgrims in Ayodhya.

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INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	28	15	Mumbai	24	16
Bhopal	27	12	Panaji	24	17
Jaipur	28	14	Patna	28	13
Amritsar	23	18	Lucknow	28	11
Chennai	22	18	Port Blair	18	07
Kolkata	26	18	Imphal	19	07
Srinagar	21	07	Chandigarh	24	18

Bengal sports minister resigns over Messi mess

Considered close to CM, Arup Biswas to continue as power minister

SUBHENDU MAITI @ Kolkata

WEST Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Tuesday accepted the resignation of her sports and youth affairs minister Arup Biswas, who has been facing the wrath of thousands of football-loving people for the mismanagement at the Lionel Messi event at the Salt Lake Stadium on December 13. Also, the government issued a show-cause notice to DGP Rajeev Kumar and other senior officials about lapses in security arrangements and crowd management at the stadium.

Sources say Banerjee will look after Biswas' department till it is allocated to a new minister. However, Biswas will continue to head the power ministry, as earlier.

Biswas is Banerjee's trusted lieutenant and considered a heavyweight within the government. In the resignation letter he sent to the chief minister on Monday, he stated that he wanted to tender resignation in the interest of a free and fair investigation into the stadium episode.

Both the Trinamool Congress and the state government have been facing criticism from across the state and outside at the mismanagement at the high-profile event after chaos erupted at the stadium.

Thousands of angry fans ran amok, clashing with police, after the Argentine football star could barely be seen from the stands because he was surrounded by a large group of people, Biswas being one of them.

According to party insiders, Biswas was forced to tender his resignation because the Salt Lake Stadium episode landed the government and party in deep trouble and the party could not afford to invite such bad press with assembly election just a few months away.

Along with DGP Kumar, the government has also demanded answers from Mukesh Kumar, commissioner of police of Bidhannagar, under whose jurisdiction the Salt Lake area falls. Notices have been issued to three other senior officials as well, including Rajesh Sinha, a senior bureaucrat in charge of sports and youth affairs department. All officers have been given 24 hours to respond.

The government has demanded to know from these officers "why proper coordination with concerned stakeholders, including the private organiser, was not carried out so as to ensure smooth conduct of the event".

These actions came after the probe committee, headed by Justice Asim Kumar Roy, a retired judge of the Calcutta High Court, submitted its preliminary findings into the stadium mismanagement.

State govt under intense fire over stadium chaos

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Minister's letter of resignation should come to me, not CM: Guv

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

WEST Bengal Governor C V Ananda Bose said on Tuesday that he was yet to receive official correspondence from the Mamata government about Arup Biswas' regisnation. "The constitution stipulates that the resignation of a minister and reallocation of portfolios should be done with the approval of the governor. I am waiting for official correspondence from the government," he told reporters in New Delhi.

He added that people made many demands in the case of mismanagement at the Lionel Messi event, including immediate resignation of the state sports minister, who was there at the event on the fateful day.

"First, through a representative of the Lok Bhavan and, then, in a letter, an advisory was given to the government that the sports minister and those responsible candidly admit their vicarious liability in the matter and resign. Also, an inquiry is needed to establish responsibility of those who committed lapses," Bose said.

He also said there was "specific, perceptible, and systemic failure" in managing the event. "It is surprising that a metropolis like Kolkata does not have standard operating procedures for congregation management," he said. The governor demanded an insurance scheme for spectators at such events, with the premium to be paid by organisers.

India-China trade via Himachal from next June after MEA nod

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

WITH the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) granting political clearance to the Himachal government, the Indo–China border barter-based trade via the Land Customs Station (LCS) Namgia-Shipkila through the Shipki La strategic pass is set to resume from June next year after a six-year gap.

A trade mart is also likely to come up near the pass to facilitate traders and tourists. The import and export from this border point will be restricted to items notified by the Centre. Currently, only 20 items can be imported, including wool, pashmina, sheep skin, yak tails, yak hair, salt, shoes, blankets, quilts, carpets and herbal medicines.

A total of 36 items can be exported such as coffee, tea, barley, rice, wheat, flour, dry fruits, tobacco, cigarettes, utensils and handloom and handicraft items. Sources said that registration of traders will be undertaken by Pooh tehsildar-cum-trade officer.

The locals of 14 border villages, including Namgiya, Chuppan, Nako, Pooh and Chango villages, are economically dependent on the cross-border trade undertaken on barter system along Shipki La. Kinnaur Indo-China Trade Association via Shipkila president Hishey Negi has sought a minimum of 150 trade passes that are to be issued by the Union Ministry of Commerce.

"We requested for renewal of import and export codes which are issued by director general ,foreign trade, besides single window system for security clearances," said Negi.

He added that the other main demand is that the 7-8 km track through which the trade is carried out at present should be made motorable road. The district administration has been urged to help set up kiosks at Shipki La.Sources said the Deputy Commissioner of Kinnaur Amit Sharma held a review meeting of departments concerned and the stakeholders on Monday. A senior officer said, "As tourists are coming to this region, they will be able to buy items from the mart."

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Hishey Negi, Trade union chief

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Blood ties trump power politics in Pawar family

All in blood and family, uncle Ajit Pawar and nephew Rohit Pawar recently flew together in one private jet from Mumbai to Delhi for Sharad Pawar's pre-birthday celebration. The duo stayed together, even travelling in one car. The Pawar family not only easily forgot the bitterness but also began to share the missing bond. Supriya Sule tried to rescue Ajit Pawar's son, Parth, in the Pune land scam, claiming Parth is innocent and he cannot do anything wrong. Even senior Pawar remained silent on the issue. Ajit Pawar, in a private chat, also instructed his party members not to criticise senior Pawar or his family, indicating the chapter's closed.

Thackeray brothers share rare family moment

Thackeray brothers, Uddhav and Raj, once again displayed public warmth. They appeared together with their sons, Aditya and Amit, at Dr Rahul Borude's wedding reception in Mumbai. Borude is Amit Thackeray's brother-in-law. Amit recently married Shivani, the daughter of former Lokpal chairperson Justice Manikrao Khanwilkar. Dr Rahul is the son of noted bariatric surgeon Dr Sanjay Borude. The intimate yet high profile event displayed old family bonds. Aditya was seen playing with Amit's son, Kiaan. Both families shared relaxed moments. The timing is crucial. With tough BMC elections ahead, this bonhomie will soon face a serious political test.

Amit Shah checkmates Maharashtra BJP plans

Maharashtra chief minister Devendra Fadnavis and state BJP president Ravindra Chavan were not keen to carry DCM Eknath Shinde into the local body polls. The leadership planned to cut Shinde to size and expand BJP's solo space. On CM's cue, Ravindra Chavan openly belittled Shinde. He said number two holds no value and hinted at a major post-poll shift. However, Shinde's Delhi visit and meeting with Union Home Minister Amit Shah altered the script. State BJP was forced to backtrack. Shinde-led Shiv Sena was accepted as an active ally and offered respectable seats. Shah continues to keep Shinde in good humour, frustrating the state BJP.

34 Maoists with total bounty of ₹84L surrender

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

A total of 34 Maoist cadres, carrying a cumulative award of ₹84 lakh, surrendered in an edgy district of Bijapur, about 400 km south of Raipur, on Tuesday. Seven among the 34 are women cadres. They have decided to renounce the armed and violence ideology of CPI (Maoist) to join the path of peace and progress under the Poona Margham: Rehabilitation to Rebirth initiative in Bastar division, police said.

"The thirty-four Maoists who surrendered belonged to the South Sub-Zonal Bureau and included members from the Telangana State Committee, the Andhra Odisha Border Special Zonal Committee and Dandakaranya Special Zonal Committee (DKSZC). As a result of the state government's comprehensive Naxal eradication policy, the cadres in big numbers have decided to relinquish the violent path and return to the mainstream of society", stated a statement issued by the Bijapur police.

From 2024 onwards, 824 red rebels have joined the mainstream, 1,079 were arrested, and 220 killed in encounters.

4 thalassemic kids tested HIV+ in Satna district after blood transfusion

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

MAJOR negligence in blood transfusion has reportedly led to at least four Thalassemia affected children testing HIV-positive in Madhya Pradesh's Satna district. Satna district collector, Satish Kumar S, has sought a detailed report from the district's chief medical and health officer (CMHO) and instructions have been issued for conducting a detailed probe into the entire blood transfusion process, spanning from sourcing to testing and storage to record maintenance.

Deputy CM and Health Minister Rajendra Shukla, said, "To remain healthy, the Thalassemia patients have to undergo blood transfusion two to three times every month. The transfusion is carried out at multiple places. Soon we'll be able to trace the blood bank and blood donors who are behind the Thalassemia patients getting the HIV infections. A committee has been formed at the state level headed by the principal secretary in the matter."

The children received multiple blood transfusions as part of their continued treatment. During the subsequent medical check-ups, all the four children were found to be HIV-positive, after which their families alleged that the infected blood was supplied to their kids from the Satna District Hospital Blood Bank.

The shocking development has raised a suspicion that either the blood donors weren't screened properly or the testing kits used for screening the donors, weren't able to detect early-stage HIV infections among the donors.

Satna District Hospital Blood Bank in-charge Dr Devendra Patel said, "While fathers of three patients have been found HIV negative, the HIV status of the father of the fourth patient is doubtful. The kids have already been referred to the integrated counselling and testing centre from where their HIV treatment too has begun at the Antiretroviral Therapy (ART) centre."

Gujarat no.s flag shrinking of jobs amid large spending

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

WHILE the Centre tabled the bill to rename the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, official data shared in the Lok Sabha on December 16 revealed a more troubling situation in Gujarat. Behind the new name, the programme's role as a rights-based safety net has been steadily shrinking.

The official data shows that the MGNREGS employment in Gujarat has been falling each year. In 2018–19, more than 15.16 lakh workers got jobs through the scheme.

There was a brief increase during the pandemic, reaching 19.31 lakh in 2020–21, but the numbers then began to drop. Employment fell to 15.11 lakh in 2023–24, then to 13.06 lakh in 2024–25, and has now fallen sharply to just 9.01 lakh in 2025–26 as of December 11.

This decline matches changes in the worker database. In 2022–23, Gujarat removed 5.59 lakh workers but added only 3.20 lakh. The following year was even more severe, with 9.75 lakh deletions and just 3.01 lakh additions.

The state added 10.77 lakh workers in 2024–25, but this improvement did not last. So far in 2025–26, only 1.74 lakh workers have been added, deletions are ongoing, and employment is still much lower than before. The Centre says job card verification is a "continuous process" and must be renewed every five years. However, when deletions keep outnumbering additions, the process seems less like regular maintenance making it harder to join.

Delayed payments add to the problem. As of December 5, 2025, Gujarat owed ₹61.43 crore in wages and ₹21.54 crore for materials. The delays make people less likely to look for work.

MGNREGS REALITY CHECK

EMPLOYMENT SHRINK YEAR AFTER YEAR

Workers drop from **19.31** lakh in 2020–21 to **9.01 lakh** in 2025–26

Post pandemic peak followed by continuous decline

2024–25 records **13.06 lakh** workers

Downward trend signals contraction not recovery

JOB CARD CHURN AND WORKER DELETIONS

Deletions outpace additions for multiple years

2022–23 sees net loss with **5.59 lakh** deletions

2023–24 witnesses massive purge of **9.75 lakh** workers

Temporary rebound in 2024–25 fails to stabilise rolls

UNPAID WAGES HIT PARTICIPATION

Gujarat pending wages stand at over **₹61 crore**

Material payments pending at **₹21.54 crore**

Payment delay discourage workers from seeking jobs

Corbett leads tiger census with 550 cameras

NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun

INDIA launched its national Tiger Census on Sunday. The census, held every four years, aims to scientifically assess the population, distribution, and movement of Bengal tigers across major forest areas and reserves in the country.

This year, the exercise emphasises modern technology and rigorous scientific methods to ensure accurate results.

Corbett Tiger Reserve is a major focus area. Home to more than 260 tigers, it is one of the world's most important tiger habitats. Uttarakhand recorded 560 tigers in the last count.

Deputy Director Rahul Mishra confirmed that the survey in Corbett will be conducted in three phases, with over 550 camera traps installed. He said the findings will "determine conservation efforts in the coming years".

Forest officials and frontline staff across India have received specialised training led by the Wildlife Institute of India (WII). The training focused on survey techniques, data collection, and analysis protocols to ensure reliability and consistency throughout the process.

A major highlight of this year's census is the extensive use of camera traps. This technology enables officials to identify individual tigers by their unique stripe patterns, much like human fingerprints. This method not only provides an accurate count but also helps track territories, habitat use, and activity patterns.

This national exercise extends beyond mere statistics; it is pivotal in shaping future conservation policies and wildlife management strategies. Based on the fluctuation in tiger numbers, the government and Forest Departments calibrate and strengthen their protection schemes.

Tiger pugmarks seen in J'khand on census 1st day

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

IN a major boost to the claims made by forest officials about the presence of tigers in Palamu Tiger Reserve (PTR), tiger pugmarks were found on the very first day of the Tiger Census, which started across Jharkhand on December 15.

According to officials, the census is being carried out across 31 territorial forest divisions and five protected wildlife divisions in Jharkhand, which include, prominent conservation areas such as the Palamu Tiger Reserve and Dalma Wildlife Sanctuary.

The exercise is part of a nationwide wildlife enumeration programme.

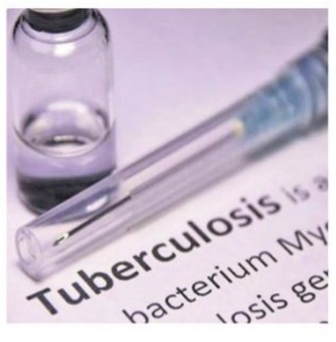
Genome factor behind very high TB burden among tribal groups in MP

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

GENETIC science researchers from across the country have zeroed in on genomic factors, which are possibly behind the abnormally high tuberculosis (TB) prevalence among the Sahariyas — one of the three particularly vulnerable tribal groups (PVTGs) in Madhya Pradesh.

With its population largely concentrated in parts of Madhya Pradesh's Gwalior-Chambal region, particularly Sheopur, Shivpuri, Guna, Ashoknagar, Gwalior, Morena and Bhind districts, besides some parts of the adjoining Bundelkhand also – the Sahariya tribe reportedly has exceptionally high TB rates of 1,518–3,294 per 1,00,000 population.

It is at least eight times more than the national average of 187 per lakh population.



Importantly, as per the World Health Organization's Global TB Report

2025, India, which was counted among the high-burden nations, registered a decline of 21% in new cases emerging annually – from 237 per lakh population in 2015 to 187 per lakh population in 2024.

The ongoing research led by Prof Gyaneshwar Chaubey, a renowned Indian geneticist and biological anthropologist at the Banaras Hindu University and involving researchers from multiple institutions, including the University of Calcutta, Forensic Lab Jabalpur, has already made a breakthrough, which links rare maternal mitochondrial haplogroups, N5 and X2, to elevated TB susceptibility in the concerned PVTG.

Building on the recent study published in the international journal Mitochondrion (August 2025), the researchers are now advancing their investigations into the broader genomic factors contributing to this health disparity.

According to the study's first author, Debasruti Das, "Expanding from mitochondrial insights to nuclear genomics will provide a more comprehensive picture of genetic susceptibility in the Sahariyas."

PUBLIC NOTICE

This Notice is hereby given to the public that our clients **Mr. Jithin Sarma G**, S/o: E Gopalakrishna Sarma, Aged about 33 years, R/at: Old KP-1/ 56 New TC-12/2618, Navami Velikkunnu, Mukkola. P.O, Thiruvananthapuram Kerala- 695043, and **Ms. Aishwarya V**, D/o: Vinod Jain, Aged about: 29 years, R/at: No-82, C-201 Nakoda Road, Rajaji Nagar, Bangalore North, Bengaluru- 560010, are intending to the purchase the property bearing no. 224, 4th Main Road, Sarakki, III Phase, J P Nagar, Corporation Division No. 60(B), Bangalore, Measuring East to West: 40 Feet and North to South: 30 feet, from **Sri. R. Srinivasan,** S/o: Sri. Balaguranathan Ranganathan, R/at: 224, 4th Main, 4th Cross, J P Nagar 3rd Phase, Bangalore- 560078.

Therefore, Any person or persons having any right of title or interested by the way of claiming their rights and inheritance of the said property, shall send their claims in writing to the undersigned along with the documentary evidence in support of the said claim thereof within the 15 days of publication of the said notice.

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HSR Layout, Bangalore-560102.
Mobile : 9986755031/7022159228

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our Client **Ms. MELANIE THOPIAH and Ms. ASHLEY ANU THOPIAH** (who were the Joint owners of the following Property) rep by their Regd. SPA Holder **Mr. K.T. BALARAJU**, while shifting his House From No. 1011, 18th Main, 66th Cross, 5th Block, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru-560010 to No. 1009, 18th Main, 66th Cross, 5th Block, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru-560010, has irretrievably lost the Original Sale Deeds Dated: 23/02/1995 & 25/02/1995, in respect of Site No. 11 & 12, both Sites totally measuring 18000 Sq Feet Clubbed/amalgamated E-Aasthi PID No:5743577186, carved out of Sy No. 324 of Begur Village, Begur hobli, Bangalore South Taluk and has filed Police Complaint Lost Report bearing **No. 1957447/2025 dated:15/12/2025** (Lost Document Nos. 8839/1994-95, Dated: 23/02/1995 & 8953/1994-95, Dated: 25/02/1995 registered at the office of the Sub-registrar, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore)

If any Person/s have/has found the said Original documents kindly inform the undersigned within 14 days.

MAHESH BABU, Advocate
No.103, Shampura Main Road,
A.C Post, Bengaluru - 560045.
Mob: 8892832602/9880423610

KARNATAKA RURAL ROAD DEVELEOPMENT AGENCY,
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PROJECT DIVISION, HAVANNAVAR BUILDING, CLUB ROAD, BELGAUM.

Telephone No: 0831-2420728, Fax Email.: 0831-2420728, Email: kn-blg1@pmgsy.nic.in

No. EE/Pr.Din/BGM/TCH/TND/NGNRY 3 & 4/2025-26/468 Date : 15.12.2025

SHORT TERM TENDER-CALL-7

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, Karnataka Rural road Development Agency invites Item Rate Tenders in Belagavi Grameen Constituency, Belagavi (South) Constituency for the implementation of Rural Road through KPPP website. Under NGNRY-III & IV (Renewal work) Saving Amount adopting the guidelines of the PMGSY works by two cover system This scheme is fully funded by the Government of Karnataka.

Calendar of Events of tendering is as follows:

1. EMD				As per KPPP Guidlines
Package Details				
Sl.No.	**Package No.**	**Constituency**	**Category**	
01	KS-04-15B	Belagavi Grameen	Other	Rs.14,52,300.00
02.	KS-04-95B	Belagavi Grameen	Other	Rs.42,06,893.00
03.	KS-04-69A	Belagavi South	Other	Rs.85,60,294.00
2.Accessing the bid document on e-procurement portal from				16-12-2025
3.Last date for online submission of Technical & Financial Bid				24-12-2025 (17.30 Hours)
4. Opening of Technical Bid				26-12-2025 (11.00Hours)
5. Opening of Financial Bid				Will be intimated later

DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-1486/KSMCA/2025-26

Sd/-Tendering Officer,
Executive Engineer, Project Division, Belagavi.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that, Mrs.Mubeen Taj, W/o.Late.Sri.Syed Javeed Pasha, has lost the original Sale Deed dated **18.09.1984**, **executed by Smt.Safoora Bi in favour of Smt. Zakirunnissa, registered as Document No.2413/84-85, in Book-1, Volume-1368, at pages 52-55, SRO-Basavanagudi, Bangalore.**., pertaining to the **portion of Site Nos.71/A & 72/A, Present E-PID No.2979822131 and E-Property No.71/A & 72/A,** Old No.5/1, Situated at Pipe Line West, Karithimmanahali, 2nd Main, 2nd Cross, Bangalore-560 026, now under the jurisdiction of Bangalore West City Corporation(erstwhile Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike)and known as Kasturiba Nagara, 2nd Main, 2nd Cross, Bangalore, Measuring East to West: 29 Feet and North to South: 50 Feet in all totally measuring 1450 Square Feet. A Complaint dated 16.12.2025 (Lost Report.No.1960320/2025) is lodged in the Crime Branch Bangalore City Police. Finders may return the same to the above said Police Station or Contact at the below address.

Prashanth.Kumar.K, "LEX FACTUM",
Advocates and Legal Consultants,
No.690, 2nd Floor, 36th Cross, 11th 'B' Main Road, 2nd Block, Rajajinagara, Bangalore-560010.
Contact No: 9901296858/080-2340442.

BEFORE THE HON'BLE MOTOR ACCIDENTS CLAIMS TRIBUNAL (CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE), TIRUNELVELI
M.C.O.P. No 1527/2024

Esakki Muthu ... Petitioner
Vs.
Maneesh Kumar Bohra
S/o Danmai Bohra (Late)
5/2, 1st Floor, 2nd Church Cross,
Nanjappa road, Nirmala Primary School,
Shanthinagar Wilson Garden, Bangalore,
State of Karnataka-560027. ...1st Respondent

NOTICE

Take notice that the petitioner has filed the above main claim petition on account of the injuries sustained by Esakki Muthu in a motor vehicle accident which took place on 21.04.2024 at about 03.30 PM near Kaliamman Temple in South Agasthiyar-puram against you, 2nd respondent, and 3rd respondent before this honourable court and the same stands posted to 03.01.2026 for the 1st respondent's appearance at 10.30 AM. If the 1st respondent fails to appear before this Honourable court on that date, an exparte order will be passed against you in the above matter.

/ by order /
G.Ravisankar B.Sc., M.L (MS No 277/2003)
L.Rajeswari B.A., LLB (MS No 749/2022)
Advocates, Tirunelveli-2, Tamilnadu.

F.No.25-04/Engg./D.B/O.M/2025-26(17)

OULGARET MUNICIPALITY
PUDUCHERRY-5
Jawahar Nagar, the 16.12.2025

PRESS NOTICE FOR 'e' TENDER

On behalf of the Oulgaret Municipal Council, Percentage Rate tenders are invited through e-tendering system for the work **"Construction of mini indoor stadium in the play field of Government Girls Higher Secondary School Kadirkamam in Kadirkamam Constituency, Puducherry (Phase-II)" up to 4.00 P.M. on 30.12.2025.** The terms & conditions and N.I.T. can be downloaded from the website **https://pudutenders.gov.in** the tender Notice & N.I.T. may also be viewed in the **https://py.gov.in** and **www.oulmun.in**

No.638/DIP/AD(PRESS)/2025-26

(A.SURESHRAJ)
COMMISSIONER

"Sanitation is more important than Independence" - Mahatma Gandhi

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
Office of the Additional Chief Engineer,
A-1130 Drainage Circle, Balasore, Email id: sedcbls@yahoo.com
"e" PROCUREMENT NOTICE NO.- ACEDCBLS - 16/2025-26

1	Name of work: -	Drainage works (Under D.I.P. Scheme)
2	Total No. of Project: -	1 Nos. of Individual work.
3	Estimated cost of individual works:-	Rs. 4,26,45,967/- (Excluding G.S.T.)
4	Period of completion: -	15 (Fifteen) Calendar Months
5	Bid Identification Number: -	ACEDCBLS/DDBDK – 01-16/2025-26
6	Date & Time of availability of Bid document in the Portal: -	From Dt.18.12.2025 at 10.00 hours to Dt.02.01.2026 at 17.00 hours
7	Date & Time for receipt of Bid document in the Portal: -	From Dt.18.12.2025 at 10.00 hours to Dt. 02.01.2026 at 17.00 hours
8	Date of Opening of Technical Bid: -	Dt.03.01.2026 at 11.30 hours in the Office of the Additional Chief Engineer, Drainage Circle, Balasore.
9	Date of Opening of Financial Bid: -	To be uploaded in portal.
10	Cost of Tender Paper	Rs.10,000.00
11	Procurement Officer/ Name & address of the officer inviting Bids: -	Additional Chief Engineer, Drainage Circle, Balasore

Further details can be seen from the Govt. Web site www.tendersorissa.gov.in

Sd/- Additional Chief Engineer
Drainage Circle, Balasore.

OIPR- 32190/11/0038/2526

ANDHRA PRADESH CAPITAL REGION DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Rayapudi, Amaravati - 522 237 (A.P.)

E PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE

NIT No. 102/PROC/MAU61-USI0HB(OTH)/378/2025-HB, Dated: 16-12-2025

Name of the work: RFP for **"Selection of Agency for Liaisoning and Obtaining Environmental Clearances for Desilting on Fore Shore area of Prakasam Barrage on Krishna River".**

The bid can be downloaded on AP e-procurement portal from **17.12.2025 to 24.12.2025 up to 14.00 Hrs.** Due date for submission of Bid is **24.12.2025 up to 15.00 Hrs,** Technical bid opening **24.12.2025 @ 16.00 Hrs.** The prebid Meeting on **20/12/2025.**

E PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE (THIRD CALL)

NIT No. 81/MAU61-EE0ED(OTH)/16/2025-DP/3rd call, Dated: 16-12-2025

Name of Work: APCRDA - "RFP for Engagement of Developers for Development of the **30.34 Acres** Land Parcel Located in **Rayapudi** Village, Amaravati Through PPP Mode".

The bid can be downloaded on AP e-procurement portal from **17.12.2025 to 01.01.2026 up to 14.00 Hrs.** Due date for submission of Bid is **01.01.2026 up to 15.00 Hrs,** Technical bid opening **01.01.2026 @ 16.00 Hrs.**

For further details Please refer to **www.apeprocurement.gov.in** and **www.crda.ap.gov.in.**

EMPLOYMENT NOTIFICATION No.26/2025 -

Rc.No.MAU61-OPCS0CNTE(APPT)/31/2025-HR. Dt.15-12-2025

Notification is hereby issued for engagement of services of (01) Server Administrator Infrastructure and One (01) ICT Executive-Application Support in the Information Systems division in APCRDA, Vijayawada on contract basis.

Online application is available in the APCRDA website in careers tab and can be submitted from dt. **17.12.2025 to dt. 30.12.2025.** For further details, please visit **https://crda.ap.gov.in**

Sd/- Commissioner, APCRDA, Amaravati

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಕೊಳಗೇರಿ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಮಂಡಳಿ

ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ, 1ನೇ ವಿಭಾಗ, ನಂ.55, ನೆಲಮಹಡಿ, ಅಭಯ ಸಂಕೀರ್ಣ ಭವನ, ರಿಸಲ್ದಾರ್ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಶೇಷಾದ್ರಿಪುರಂ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು – 560020

No.KSDB/EE/No1.div/ST/PB/IFT-15/2025-26/716 Dated: 12.12.2025

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ)

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಕೊಳಗೇರಿ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಮಂಡಳಿ 1ನೇ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬರುವ ಒಂದು ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ (ಕೆಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ–2) **KPP Portal** ಮೂಲಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ, ಸದರಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂಬರ್ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

01. KSDB/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT366

1. **Last date & time for receipt of tenders: 20.12.2025 upto 04.00 PM.**
2. **Date & Time for opening of Technical Bid: 23.12.2025 at 10.00 AM.**

ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, 1ನೇ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಕೊಳಗೇರಿ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಮಂಡಳಿ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಅಥವಾ https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/–
ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು
ಕ.ಕೊ.ಅ.ಮ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು

ಡಿಐಪಿಆರ್/ಸಿಪಿ/4483/ಸಿಸಿಎಲ್/2025–26

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

NOTIFICATION
Hubballi, the 21st November, 2025

S.O. 5324(E). In the exercise of the powers conferred by clause (6) of section 20F and clause 7A of section 2 of the Railway Act, 1989 (24 of 1989), the Railways (Amendment) Act,2008 the Ministry of Railway (South Western Railway, Road Safety Projects, Hubballi) hereby authorizes the officers mentioned in column (4) of the table below as 'Competent Authority' and the officers mentioned In column (5) of the table below as 'Arbitrator' to perform the functions as such authority under the said Act with effect from date of publication of this notification in the official gazette in respect of Special Railway Projects mentioned in column (2) relating to districts mentioned in column (3) of the table below for Land Acquisition required for the public purpose.

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	District	Competent Authority	Arbitrator
1	Construction of Road Over Bridge (ROB) in lieu of LC No.10 at km 16/100-200 with Limited Height Subway between Chikkabanavar and Golhalli of Bangalore city – Sampige Road Section.	Bangalore Urban	Special Land Acquisition officer, Bangalore	Regional Commissioner, Bangalore
2	Construction of Road Over Bridge (ROB) in lieu of LC No.11 at km 17/439 with Limited Height Subway between Chikkabanavar and Golhalli of Bangalore city – Sampige Road Section.			
3	Proposed Road Over Bridge in lieu of LC No.76 at Km.96/600-700 between Mandya- Yeliyur stations	Mandya	Assistant Commissioner, Pandavapura	Regional Commissioner, Mysuru
4	Construction of Road over bridge (ROB) in lieu of LC No.94 at Km,116/500-600 between Byadrahali Pandavapura			
5	Construction of Road Over Bridge along with subway in lieu of LC No. 15 at km: 25/400-500 between Amritapura - Chitradurga stations.	Chitradurga	Assistant Commissioner, Chitradurga	Regional Commissioner, Bangalore

[F.No. SWR/W.352/ROBs-RSP/Land/2025-26]

For details log on: https://egazette.gov.in

PUB/725/AAS/PRB/SWR/2025-26

Ningappa Chandappa Chaluwadi, DY. Chief Engineer/ Road Over Bridges / Road Safety Projects, Hubballi.

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HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT
Engineering Wing, Office of the, Executive Engineer,
H & F W D Engg., Division, Fort Road, Dharwad - 580 008.
Phone : 0836 - 2955800, E-mail : eehfwedvndwd1@gmail.com

No: EE/H&FW Engg./Div/Dwd/Tender/Notification-Kwr & BGK /1317 /2025-26 Date: 16.12.2025

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Executive Engineer, H&FWD, Engg., Division, Dharwad invites tender from contractors registered in KPWD in double cover system as per KTPP Act 1999 & Rules 2000 through KPP Portal for the following works.

Sl. No	Name of Work	Est. amount (Rs. in lakhs)	EMD amount (Rs. in lakhs)	Class of contractor	Period of completion (including monsoon)	Category of contracto	Remarks
Deposit Works							
1	Providing additional **oxygen pipe line in 450 bedded Hospital** at **KRIMS at Karwar in UK District**	35.62	0.71	Class III & above	6 Months	General	Call-1
2	Repairs and Renovation to **District Training Centre (DTC)** at **Karwar of U.K. District**	30.76	0.62	Class III & above	6 Months	General	Call-1
Replacement works							
3	Construction of **Ayushman Arogya Mandira at Hire-Otageri** in **Hungund Tq., Bagalkote District.**	54.64	1.10	Class III & above	6 Months	General	Call-3
4	Construction of **Ayushman Arogya Mandira at Chikkadapur** in **Hungund Tq., Bagalkote District.**	54.64	1.10	Class III & above	6 Months	General	Call-3

Calendar events:
Last date for receipt of tender **: 22-12-2025 up to 16.00 hrs**
Date of opening of technical bid **: 23-12-2025 up to 16.30 hrs**
The tender details can be downloaded from the KPP platform **(www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in)**

Tenders shall be submitted electronically, EMD, Tender Processing Fee shall also be paid electronically. Interested contractors shall register on the KPP platform to participate in this tender.

NOTE:- (1) All the rights are reserved by the under signed for postponement or cancellation of entire Tender process, rejection of bids/individual bid etc., without assigning any reason. **(2)** Henceforth, any changes in the schedule will not be published through newspapers and further changes in respect of this tender notification will be uploaded on KPP portal only.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
H&FWD Engg. Division,
Dharwad.

DIPR/Dharwad/991/Manipal/2025-26

Government of Karnataka
KARNATAKA CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED
No.5/19,4thFloor.Oblong Block, Unity Building, Mission Road, Bangalore-560027

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಕೆ.ಸಿ.ಸಿ.ಡಿ.ಸಿ.ಎಲ್/ಪ್ರಚಾರ/ಸಿಆರ್–19/2025–26 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 16.12.2025

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

E-tenders are invited from eligible/interested organizations to select training institutions to provide training on various programs under the Community Based Training Scheme to the youth of the Christian community in the year 2025-26 by the Karnataka Christian community Development Corporation. The tender details are as follows.

Sl. No.	Tender No	Program/Service Name	Estimated amount (in lakhs)	Laste date for submission of teder
1.	KCCDCL/ 2025-26/ SE0003	Appointment of Training Providers for Conducting Industry Ready Future Skills Residential Training Program in IT / ITeS sector for MINORITY CHRISTIAN CANDIDATES	150.00	**29.12.2025 at 5.00 pm**
2.	KMDCL/ 2025-26/ SE0005	Drone Training Generating Entrepreneurs Opportunities For Minority Christian Candidates	90.00	**31.12.2025 at 5.00 pm**
3.	KMDCL/ 2025-26/ SE0004	Providing skill training program in basics of computer & data entry operator beauty and wellness Bridal makeup & mehndi artist videography & photography, multi cuisine cook	160.00	**29.12.2025 at 5.00 pm**

For details, please visit the website address **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/** for details, contact number: **8660808768,** for further information, contact the Account Officer, Karnataka Christian community Development Corporation (KCCDCL), Bangalore.

Sd/-
Managing Director
Karnataka Christian Community Development Corporation Limited, Bengaluru.

DIPR/CP/4467/SSC/2025-26

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that our client ("**Our Client**") proposes to enter into a sale transaction with Sri. Ejaz Ahmed Siddique, S/o Feroz Ahmed Siddique, aged about 61 years, residing at No. 374/1, behind New Bade Market, N. R. Mohalla, Mysore – 570004 ("**Owner**") and D. Y. Firoz Khan S/o Yusuf Khan, aged about 68 years, residing at No. 7/3009, Kampanapalya Road, near Kabini College, Kollegala Town, Chamaraja nagara - 571 440 ("**Agreement Holder**") in respect of the properties more particularly detailed in the schedules below ("**Said Properties**").

If any person/s, entity, firm, institution (corporate or otherwise) claiming any right, title, interest, claim, pending litigation, or demand of any nature in or upon the Owners or their predecessor in title, including but not limited to by way of sale, gift, lease, sub-lease, transfer deed, inheritance, agreements, memorandum of understanding, pending litigation, exchange, mortgage, hypothecation, charge, lien, trust, security, possession, easement, attachment, acquisition or otherwise, and/or upon the Said Property or any part thereof, the same may be brought to the notice of the undersigned in writing together with relevant document evidencing their right, title, interest, claim, pending litigation, or demand with respect of the Said Property within **Seven (07)** days from the date of this notice, failing which such claim shall be considered to have been waived and/or given up. Objections and/or claims received after expiry of the period stipulated above shall not be entertained nor be binding on our Client and shall be considered as non-existent and /or waived.

SCHEDULE 'A'

All that piece and parcel of agricultural property bearing Survey No. 1/2 situated at Jakkahalli village, Hangala hobli, Gundlupet taluk, Chamarajanagara, measuring two (2) acres.

All that piece and parcel of agricultural property bearing Survey No. 58/1 situated at Jakkahalli village, Hangala hobli, Gundlupet taluk, Chamarajanagara, measuring one (1) acre and twenty (20) guntas.

All that piece and parcel of agricultural property bearing Survey No. 59/3 situated at Jakkahalli village, Hangala hobli, Gundlupet taluk, Chamarajanagara, measuring one (1) acre and twenty six (26) guntas.

All the above-mentioned lands being contiguous lands are bounded as under:-

East by : Government Road;
West by : Property in Sy. No. 1/1, 59/1 & 58/2.
North by : Property belonging to Ejaz Ahmed Siddique in Sy. No. 16/6 & 17/3, Private property in Sy.No.16/3 and Road.
South by : Survey No. 57/1, 59/1 & 59/2 .

together with all rights, privileges attached thereto and all easement rights, water courses and right of access.

SCHEDULE 'B'

All that piece and parcel of agricultural property bearing Survey No. 17/3 situated at Jakkahalli village, Hangala hobli, Gundlupet taluk, Chamarajanagara, measuring twenty (20) guntas and bounded as under :-

East by : Property belonging to Puttamadappa in Survey No. 17/2;
West by : Property belonging to Yatheesh Kumar in Sy. No. 16/3;
North by : Bandipura & Jakkahalli Government Road
South by : Property belonging to Ejaz Ahmed Siddique in Sy. No. 1/2, private property in Sy No. 1/1 & Road.

together with all rights, privileges attached thereto and all easement rights, water courses and right of access.

SCHEDULE 'C'

All that piece and parcel of agricultural property bearing Survey No. 16/4 situated at Jakkahalli village, Hangala hobli, Gundlupet taluk, Chamarajanagara, measuring twenty and a half (20 ½) guntas.

All that piece and parcel of agricultural property bearing Survey No. 16/5 situated at Jakkahalli village, Hangala hobli, Gundlupet taluk, Chamarajanagara, measuring twenty and a half (20 ½) guntas.

All that piece and parcel of agricultural property bearing Survey No. 16/6 situated at Jakkahalli village, Hangala hobli, Gundlupet taluk, Chamarajanagara, measuring twenty and a half (20 ½) guntas.

All the above-mentioned lands being contiguous lands are bounded as under:- East by : Property belonging to Yatheesh Kumar in Sy. No. 16/3;
West by : Private Property in Sy. No. 15/2 & 15/3;
North by : Bandipura & Jakkahalli Government Road
South by : Road & Sy. No. 1/2 belonging to Ejaz Ahmed Siddique.

together with all rights, privileges attached thereto and all easement rights, water courses and right of access.

Date : 17.12.2025

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STATE BANK OF INDIA

HOME LOAN CENTRE, BANASWADI
#253, "Dolphin Mansion", Near Bus Depot, 1st Main Road, HBR Layout, 2ndBlock, State -1, Hennur Gardens, Bengaluru -560043 TEL No: 080 -25943790/91, FAX No: 080 -25943793, Email Id: sbi.15628@sbi.co.in

DEMAND NOTICE

UNDER SUB SECTION (2) OF SECTION 13 OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS & ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 (HEREINAFTER CALLED "ACT")

At the request of the Borrower- **Shri Macherla Naga Phani Kumar** S/o Sri Macherla Venkateswara Rao State Bank of India through its Akshay Nagar(13159) Branch, Bengaluru has extended various credit facilities viz Housing Term Loan and Home Loan (Top up loan) to him by way of financial assistance against House Property creating security interest in favour of the Bank securing the said loans. The loan accounts of the Borrower is maintained at the Bank's Home Loan Centre Banaswadi(HLCB), Bengaluru for administrative reasons and accordingly the undersigned is competent to issue this notice. The relevant particulars of the said credit facilities and the security agreement(s)/document(s) executed by the borrower/mortgagor are furnished in the Demand Notice dated **15.10.2025.** The relevant particulars of the said secured asset is also specifically furnished hereunder.

As the operation and conduct of the financial assistance / credit facilities have become irregular, the debt has been classified as Non Performing Asset on **15.10.2025** in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India consequent to the default committed by the borrower in repayent of the principal debt and interest thereon. Demand Notice dated **15th October 2025** U/s 13(2) of the said act was duly served on the borrower/mortgager. As the envelopes containing the said Demand Notice sent by register AD to the borrower/mortgagor were returned un-served, this notice is now being published in the leading news papers after affixing a copy of the notice at conspicuous place of the residence/Secured Asset of the Borrower/Mortgagor as per the provisions of the said Act.

Name and Address of the Borrower: Shri Macherla Naga Phani Kumar S/o Shri Macherla Venkateswara Rao, No.190,4 th Cross, Venkatapura, Koramangala 1 st Block, Bengaluru -560 034.
Also at: H.No.3-11-236, Sri Shankar Colony, L B Nagar, L B Nagar Post, Saroornagar, Hyderabad – 500 074.
Place of Work: Human IT Solution Pvt Ltd, 2 nd Floor, Park Landing, 5 AC 709, Outer, Ring Road, 2nd Block, HRBR Extension, Bengaluru – 560 043.
Outstanding Loan amount: Rs.90,93,300.00 (Rupees Ninety Lakh Ninety Three Thousand Three Hundred Only) as on 15.10.2025 with future interest at contractural rate on the abovesaid amount together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTIES

SCHEDULE " A" PROPERTY(ENTIRE PROPERTY) : All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Present BBMP KathaNo.572/1,Converted Sy.No.16/10, {converted vide conversion Certificate bearing No.BDS.ALN.(E)SR:(Kr.Ho):24/2007-08, dated 21/05/2009, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District}, situated at Basavanapura Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Earlier Bangalore South Taluk presently Bangalore East Taluk,measuring about 2 Acres 6.08 Guntas, with all rights, apputenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and bounded on the East By : Sy.No.16/3 West By : remaining portion Sy.No.16/10 and Road North By : Road and Seegehalli Village boundary South By : Sy. No.16/12.
MORTGAGED PROPERTY :SCHEDULE "B": 718.16 Sq.ft undivided right,title and interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule " A" above.
SCHEDULE "C' : Description of the Residential Apartment in the project "SAMHITA ROYAL SPLENDOR" to be constructed by the Purchaser/s through the Developer/ Builder over the Schedule "A" Property:
1. Flat Number : 314, 2. Floor : Third Floor, 3. Type of Flat :Residential, 4: Accommodation details : Three Bedrooms, Hall, Dining and Kitchen, 5. Super built area :1575 Sq.feet 6: Corresponding undivided : 718.16 Sq.feet Share in land 7. Construction Specifications : RCC Roofing, Vitrified Flooring, 8. Additional Facility :One Covered Car Parking.

If the borrowers/mortgagor fail to repay the aforesaid sum with interest and incidental expenses within 60 days from the date of this notice/publication,the Bank will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub section (4) of the section 13 and other applicable provisions of the SARFAESI Act. The borrowers/mortgagor is also put on notice that in terms of sub section 13 of section 13 of the said Act, you shall not transfer by sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed above without obtaining prior written consent of the Bank. This notice is without prejudice to the Bank's rights to initiate such other actions or legal proceedings as it deems necessary under any other applicable Provisions of Law.

The borrowers/mortgagor's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

The undersigned is the Authorised Officer of the Bank and is empowered to issue this notice and exercise powers under section 13 of the said Act.

Sd/-
Place: Bengaluru
Date: 16.12.2025
Authorised Officer & Chief Manager
SBI, Home Loan Centre, Banaswadi

STATE BANK OF INDIA

HOME LOAN CENTRE , BANASWADI (HLCB)
Address of the Branch:
#253, "Dolphin Mansion", Near Bus Depot,
1stMain Road, HBR Layout, 2ndBlock, State -1,
Hennur Gardens, Bengaluru -560043
TEL No: 080 -25943790, FAX No: 080 -25943793,
Email: sbi.15628@sbi.co.in
Mgr(NPAM):Shri Roshan - 9449628405

Authorised Officer's Details:
Name:Shri. L Arunachalam,
Chief Manager
e -mail Id: sbi.15628@sbi.co.in
Mobile No: **6364217454**
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APPENDIX- IV A
[See proviso to Rule 8 (6)]
E-AUCTION ON 28.01.2026
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Property (excluding movables, if any, lying in the premises) under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and the Borrowers/Mortgagors in particular that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, State Bank of India, Bengaluru, the actual physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of the Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis on **28.01.2026** for recovery of **Rs 1,14,89,127/-** (Rupees One Crore Fourteen Lakh Eighty Nine Thousand One Hundred Twenty Seven Only) as on 15.12.2025 and further interest at contractual rate from 16.12.2025 with incidental expenses + costs, charges etc., due to the Secured Creditor, State Bank of India from the Borrowers/Mortgagors:**(1) Shri K. Venkateswara Reddy,** S/o Mr. K. Venkata Reddy, **(2) Smt. C. Priya,** W/o Shri K. Venkateswara Reddy, (For A/c No. HTL 42395281771, Suraksha 42404305729).

The Reserve Price, Earnest Money Deposit (EMD), Bid increment amount and time of e-auction and last date for submission of EMD along with KYC documents for immovable property to be sold will be as under:

Reserve Price (Below which the property will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Bid increment amount	Time of e-Auction of Property	Last date for submission of EMD along with KYC documents
Rs.1,22,85,000/-	**Rs.12,28,500/-**	**Rs.50,000/-**	**28.01.2026, 11.00 a.m. to 04.00 p.m.**	**On or before 28.01.2026 up to 12.00 Noon**

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Property ID: SBIN200076452365

All that piece and parcel of Property being **3BHK** Apartment bearing **Flat No.001**, on the **Ground Floor in Block-A, Wing-2.** The Residential Apartment Building known as **"PVR LAKE VIEW"** with Super Built Up Area of 1600 Sq. feet, constructed over All that piece and parcel of Property bearing BBMP Katha No.734/ Sy.No.32/2, 32/3, Municipal No.734, BBMP Katha No.735, Sy.No.32/2, Municipal No.735 and BBMP Katha No.817, Sy .No.40/3, 32/1 , Municipal No.817, Converted Sy Nos.32/2, 32/3, 40/3 and 32/1 , situated at Mahadevapura Village, K .R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, totally measuring 1 Acre 15.08 Guntas, presently common bears BBMP Katha No.734, Sy.No.32/2, 32/3, Municipal No.734, presently under the administrative jurisdiction of BBMP, along with 734 .24 Sq.ft. , of undivided share, right, title in the land, inclusive of Proportionate share such a passage, staircase, lift , other amenities area and other area of common use and One Covered Car Parking Space. The Structure consists of RCC roofing with vitrified tiles flooring, with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface, and the totally measuring 1 Acre 15.08 Guntas. The Flat is standing the in the joint names of (1) Shri K. Venkateswara Reddy, S/o Mr. K. Venkata Reddy, (2) Smt. C. Priya, W/o Shri K. Venkateswara Reddy, vide Sale Deed dated 04.11.2023 and Registered as Document No.VRT-1-09020/2023-24 dated 04.11.2023 at SRO, Shivajinagar (Varthuru), Bengaluru and Electronically stored in Centralised Date Centre and the entire land is bounded on:East by :Land in survey Nos.40/6, 40/5,and 32/4; West by : Land in survey No.33;North by :Road;South by :Land in Survey No.40/6.

STATUTORY 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE (1st AUCTION) UNDER "SARFAESI" ACT, 2002.

The Borrowers/Mortgagors is hereby noticed to pay the sum mentioned above within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice failing which the Bank shall sell the property as per the provisions laid down in the SARFAESI ACT, 2002.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the links provided by the Secured Creditor represented by the Authorised Officer, State Bank of India, HLCB, Bengaluru i.e., 1)http://www.sbi.co.in 2) https://baanknet.com/

For further details regarding inspection of the properties the intending bidder may contact the Authorised Officer as mentioned above or Bank's Approved Resolution Agent M/s Goodwill Recovery and Financial Services Pvt. Ltd., Bengaluru – Cell Nos.8762662278/9740367868.

To the best of the knowledge of the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on the above said property.

Place: Bengaluru
Date:16.12.2025

Sd/-
Authorized Officer

$70 million
fine for Norway's Equinor over refinery pollution

GLOBAL WEATHER
LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • LS: Light Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	29	19	SNY	Los Angeles	20	12	SNY
Colombo	29	23	TDS	Melbourne	17	5	LC
Dhaka	27	16	TDS	Moscow	4	2	SNY
Dubai	26	22	SNY	New York	2	-3	SNY
Houston	30	23	TDS	Singapore	27	25	TDS
Istanbul	33	21	SNY	Toronto	-6	-8	SNY
London	12	8	SNY	Washington	3	-2	SNY

Ukraine says fresh peace proposals to be presented to Russia soon

Kyiv signals agreement on most terms after Berlin talks with US officials, though land disputes and the shape of postwar security guarantees remain key hurdles

KYIV

UKRAINIAN President Volodymyr Zelenskyy says proposals being negotiated with US officials for a deal to end the fighting in Russia's nearly 4-year-old invasion of his country could be finalised within days, after which American envoys will present them to the Kremlin before possible further meetings in the US next weekend.

A draft peace plan discussed with the US during talks in Berlin on Monday is "not perfect" but is "very workable," Zelenskyy told reporters hours after the discussions. He cautioned, however, that some key issues — notably what happens to Ukrainian territory occupied by Russian forces — remain unresolved. US-led peace efforts appear to be picking up momentum. But as the spotlight shifts to Moscow, Russian President Vladimir Putin may balk at some of the proposals thrashed out by officials from Washington, Kyiv and Western Europe, including postwar security guarantees for Ukraine.

Zelenskyy said that after the Berlin talks, "we are very close to (a deal on) strong security guarantees." The security proposal will be based on Western help in keeping the Ukrainian army strong, an official from a NATO nation said, speaking on condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive matters.

Dutch Prime Minister Dick Schoof, right, welcomes Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in The Hague, Netherlands | AP

"Europeans will lead a multinational and multi-domain force to strengthen those troops and to secure Ukraine from the land, sea and air, and the U.S. will lead a ceasefire monitoring and verification mechanism, with international participation," the official said.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov repeated Tuesday that Russia wants a comprehensive peace deal, not a temporary truce. If Ukraine seeks "momentary, unsustainable solutions, we are unlikely to be ready to participate," he said.

"We want peace — we don't want a truce that would give Ukraine a respite and prepare for the continuation of the war," he told reporters. "We want to stop this war, achieve our goals, secure our interests, and guarantee peace in Europe for the future." American officials said on Monday there's consensus from Ukraine and Europe on about 90% of the US-authored peace plan. US President Donald Trump said: "I think we're closer now than we have been, ever" to a peace settlement. Plenty of potential pitfalls remain, notably the land issue.

Zelenskyy reiterated that Kyiv rules out recognising Moscow's control over any part of the Donbas, an economically important region in eastern Ukraine made up of Luhansk and Donetsk. Russia's army doesn't fully control either but Trump has previously indicated that Ukraine will have to cede territory. "The Americans are trying to find a compromise," Zelenskyy said, before visiting the Netherlands on Tuesday. "They are proposing a 'free economic zone' (in the Donbas). And I want to stress once again: a 'free economic zone' does not mean under the control of the Russian Federation."

Putin wants all the areas in four key regions that his forces have seized, as well as the Crimean Peninsula, which Moscow illegally annexed in 2014, to be recognized as Russian territory.

Zelenskyy warned that if Putin rejects diplomatic efforts, Ukraine expects increased Western pressure on Moscow, including tougher sanctions and additional military support for defense, such as enhanced air defense systems and long-range weapons. *AP*

Zelenskyy, 34 countries approve compensation body for war losses

THE HAGUE

UKRAINIAN President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and 34 other countries formally approved plans Tuesday to create a compensation body to pay for damages to Ukraine caused by the Russian invasion, but questions remain about where the money will come from.

Zelenskyy told leaders gathered in the Dutch city of The Hague that he hopes for strong international support so "any damage caused by the war can be compensated."The Council of Europe, the continent's preeminent human rights organization, has facilitated the International Claims Commission, which will allow Ukrainians to seek compensation for "damage, loss or injury" caused by Russia since the full-scale invasion began in February 2022.

The Council of Europe is adamant that Russia must foot the bill, but there is no clear pathway for forcing Moscow to pay. One proposal is to use some of the tens of billions of dollars in frozen Russian assets held in Europe. "The aggressor must pay," Zelenskyy told the Dutch parliament earlier Tuesday.

On Monday, he attended peace talks in Berlin with U.S. President Donald Trump's special envoy Steve Witkoff, Trump's son-in-law Jared Kushner and German Chancellor Friedrich Merz. Zelenskyy voiced readiness to drop his country's bid to join NATO in exchange for Western security guarantees, but rejected the U.S. push for ceding territory to Russia. "These security guarantees are an opportunity to prevent another wave of Russian aggression," he told journalists. "And this is already a compromise on our part." AP

EU envoys narrow gaps on frozen Russian assets plan

BRUSSELS

EUROPEAN Union envoys worked on Tuesday to narrow gaps on a plan to use billions of dollars in frozen Russian assets as collateral for a massive loan to cover Ukraine's economic and military needs over the next two years, ahead of a crunch summit of EU leaders later this week.

Almost four years into Russia's full-scale war on Ukraine, the leaders have committed to funding Kyiv's needs, which the International Monetary Fund puts at 135 billion euros ($157 billion). Ukraine is desperate to secure the money by early 2026.

"We do not have the luxury of time," Sweden's EU Affairs Minister Jessica Rosencrantz told reporters in Brussels. "It is really time to move forward with a decision, and Sweden is willing to share the risk because the cost and risk of doing nothing is greater." *AP*

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This is to inform to the General Public that my client **SRI.P.V.MURALIDHARA,** Son of Late P.Vishnumurthy residing at Flat No.905, F Block, Jal Vayu Heights, HMT, Jalahalli, BENGALURU - 560 013, has lost the original of Sale deed dated 06.11.1987 executed by Sri.K.Vijayendra Rao for self and as GPA Holder of Sri.Madaiah which is registered as document No.86/1987-88 of Book-I, Volume-2985 at the pages 2 to 4 in the office of Sub-Registrar, Mandya pertaining to the property bearing Site No.19, Khatha No.134 and 171, formed in converted Sy.No.134 converted as per conversion order No.ALN.229/1986-87 dated 31.01.1987 issued by the Tahasidlar, Madnya Taluk, situated at Ragi Muddanahalli Village, Kothathi Hobli, Mandya Taluk, about some months back in transit near Peenya Metro Station, Bengaluru.

In case the same are traced by anybody they should hand over the same to the undersigned and also in case anybody is having any claim, charge or interest over the said property, they shall lodge their objections with the undersigned within **SEVEN DAYS** from the date of Publication of this Notice.

D.S. BHAT, Advocate,
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DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002 (HEREIN AFTER CALLED THE 'ACT')

At the request, The Borrower, has granted by **State Bank of India through its SME Kumara Park Branch, Bangalore,** from time to time, Various credit facility by way of financial assistance against Hypothecated movable Properties creating security interest in favour of the Bank. The Relevant particulars of the said Credit facilities and the security agreement(s)/document(s) executed by borrower are stated in Schedule "A" and Schedule "B" respectively to the below mentioned individuals against secured assets through its Branch as under. The relevant particulars of the property on which you have created security interest by execution of security agreement/ documents & creation of mortgage by way of deposit of the title deeds are also furnished hereunder. As the operation and conduct of the financial assistance/credit facilities have become irregular the debt has been classified as **Non Performing Asset dated: 26.11.2025** in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India consequent to the default committed by the borrower in repayment of the principal debt and interest thereon. **As the demand notice dated : 29.11.2025** as mentioned below sent by register AD calling upon you, was unserved/ not acknowledged, this notice is now issued to the borrower by the paper publication through Newspapers as per the provisions of the said Act.

1). Name & Address of the Borrower : M/s: N. SQUARE ENGINEERINGS, Partners: - 1. Mr. B Naveen Kumar S/o Bhadre Gowda, 2. Mr. Nanje Gowda VK S/o Late Kapani Gowda, Office @: No. 83, Lakshmipura Post, Dasanapura Hobli, magadi main Road, Bengaluru - 560091.
1. Mr. B Naveen Kumar S/o Bhadre Gowda, Residency @: No. 245, Gottigere main Road, Near Vinayaka Theatre, JP Nagar 8th phase 1st Block, Doddakalsandra Bengaluru -560062
2. Mr. Nanje Gowda VK S/o Late Kapani Gowda, Residency @: a) Ward No. 14, Someshawara Badavane Magadi Taluk, Magadi Ramanagara District- 562120
b) # Hosahalli, Chandregowdru Badavane, Magdi Taluk, Ramanagara District- 562120
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DETAILS OF MOVABLE ASSETS :- Part -2 (Details of Hypothecated Assets/movable Properties)
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SL.No.	Number of Machinery/Others	Name of Product/Service
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2.	1.00	Nugen CNC Bending Machine 3mtr Bed
3.	1.00	Rolling Machine 2mtr Bed
4.	1.00 Nos	Lokesh ALT 160 CNC Turning Centre
5.	1.00 Nos	Reishauer Thread Grinding Machine
6.	1.00 Nos	Cylindrical Grinding Machine
7.	1.00 Nos	Tools & Cutter Machine
8.	1.00 Nos	Profile Projector
9.	1.00 NoS	Lathe Balaji 4feet
10.	1.00 Nos	Milling Machine Sunrice

Date: 16.12.2025
Place: Bangalore
Sd/- Chief Manager/Authorised Officer,
State Bank of India,

IN THE COURT OF THE IX ADDL CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-05)
P & SC No.568/2025

PETITIONER: Smt.Gangamma .K, W/o Venkatesh, Aged about 62 years, R/at No. 10, Venkatadri Nilaya, Ganapathinagara, Andhanappa Layout, Chikkabanavara, Bengaluru North -560090
RESPONDENTS: 1. Govindaraju .V, S/o Late Venkatesh, Aged about 46 years, R/at No.43, 2nd Cross, Acharya college main road, Ganapathi nagara, Bangalore-560090. **2. V.Mahesh,** S/o late Venkatesh, aged about 42 years, R/at No.10, Venkatadri Nilaya, Acharya College Road, Ganapathi Nagara, Andhanappa Layout, Chikkabanavara, Bangalore North-560090.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the above named filed this Petition U/Sec., 278 OF THE INDIAN SUCCESSION Act., for Grant of Letter of Administration in favour of the Petitioner, in respect of the schedule mentioned below, same was held by Late Nanjunda S/o. Kariyappa, expired on 17.09.2024, brother of the Petitioner herein, Respondents are the children of the Petitioner, Interested parties are hereby called upon to appear before this court, in person or by Pleader duly instructed on **19-01-2026** at 11.00 AM, inform to show cause against the Petitioner failing wherein, the appearance will be heard and declared as Ex-party.

SCHEDULE

Building property No. 390192768/420.000 measuring East to West 45 Feet North to South 35 feet Totally measuring 1350 sqft katha No. 222, PID No. 7885106352 bearing Assessment No.56/3, old katha No. 512, Sy No. 26 Present Property No. 222/5613/A/26 situated at 9th B Cross, havanur layout, Defence Colony, Bagalagunte, Bangalore-560073. bounded on East: Road, West: Private Property, North: Site No.27, South: Site No.25

Given under my hand and the seal of this court on 05-12-2025.

By order of the court, Senior Sheristedar, City Civil Court, Bangalore.

C. KRISHNEGOWDA, Advocate No.02, Panchajanya, 11th Cross, Defence Colony, Bagalagunte, Hesaraghatta main Road, Nagasandra Post, Bangalore.

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IN THE COURT OF THE SUB -COURT, GUDIYATTAM
O.S. No : 58/2010

M.P. Sadagopal. ...Plaintiff
-Vs- S.Vel Arasu (Died) and others
...Defendants

D18 Sri Mathi Anjali, D/o.Late.Narasimma Naidu **D19 Sri Mathi Geetha,** D/o.Late. Narasimma Naidu Both are Residing at No.13, 3rd Avenue Parima Nagar, Nandhini Layout, Bangalore, Karnataka.
...18 and 19 Defendants

The above said case is posted on **03-01-2026** for the appearance of 18 and 19 Defendants, on that day you have appear before the Hon'ble Sub Court at about **10.00 am** and made your objections either in person or through Advocate. Otherwise court may pass further orders against you.

Yours
K.M. BOOPATHI, M.L.,
ADVOCATE & NOTARY PUBLIC
Cell : 98423 78972. Ph: 0416-2248972
No. 61. Vellore to Chittoor Main Road, 1st Floor, (Near Indira Super Speciality Hospital) Gandhi Nagar, Katpadi, Vellore 632 006 e-mail kmboopathi@yahoo.com

ADDITIONAL DISTRICT MUNSIF COURT, TIRUVALLUR
O.S. No. 103/2024

Purushothaman ... Plaintiff
Versus
1) Gajapathi Reddy,
2) Ravidralal,
3) A.Padmini,
4) Sub Registrar, Tiruvallur
... Defendants

To
A.Padmini, W/o. Anandalal Jain, 1259, 9th 1st Street, 9A Cross, K.N.Extension, Yashwartpur, Bangalore - 560022.

The above suit to declare Sale Deed dated 16.10.2001 **Document No. 4616 and 9.4.2009 Document No. 9036/2009** as **null and void** and for permanent injunction is posted for your appearance on **18.12.2025**. if you fail to appear in person or through counsel on that date in the above court you will be set **ex-parte**.

M.VENKATARANGAM,
Advocate for Plaintiff.

V.O.CHIDAMBARANAR PORT AUTHORITY
Civil Engineering Department
Tuticorin-628 004.
SAGARMALA

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

S No	Name of work	Estimated cost Put to tender value (Amount in INR)	Cost of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (Amount in INR)	Online Tender opening date
1	Development of Green belt at VOC Port Estate- Plantation of trees and maintenance for Period of one year at Various Locations in VOCPA	53,67,662/-	1,07,354/-	29.12.2025
2	Maintenance of Roads, Drains, Bridges, Culverts, Tollgate outside Custom Bond area for a period of Two Years at V.O.Chidambaranar Port Authority (Unit Rate Basis)	3,12,98,687/-	6,25,974/-	31.12.2025
3	Providing & Fixing of Overhead Gantry and Cantilever Sign boards at various locations in VOC Port	1,30,38,480/-	2,60,770/-	05.01.2026
4	Construction of Seafarers Club in custom bond Area at V.O. Chidambaranar Port	5,88,40,349/-	11,76,810/-	05.01.2026

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ICC rejects Israel bid, upholds Gaza war crimes probe

THE HAGUE

THE International Criminal Court (ICC) on Monday rejected a challenge from Israel, which had argued that the court's investigation into crimes committed in the Gaza Strip was invalid. The tribunal, in its ruling, also upheld ICC arrest warrants for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and former defence minister Yoav Gallant in November 2024, to face accusations of war crimes and crimes against humanity.

The ICC commenced an investigation in the Palestinian territory in 2021, and with the ruling against Israel's challenge it will now be able to resume it. Israel had claimed that a separate probe would have to be launched following the Hamas attacks in Israel on October 7, which it said altered the situation and required the ICC to provide a second formal notice of investigation. Monday's 44-page ruling upholds the decision to investigate alleged war crimes committed by Israel in the Palestinian territory.

Israel's foreign affairs spokesperson Oren Marmorstein said in an X post that Israel "rejects" the decision, and accusing the ICC of "politicisation". The court is currently examining another Israeli challenge to its jurisdiction, as well as a request to disqualify prosecutor Karim Khan over sexual abuse allegations — claims he vigorously denies.

In July, it refused an Israeli request to withdraw the arrest warrants, as well as an appeal of that decision in October. Established in 2002, the ICC prosecutes individuals accused of the worst atrocities, such as war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide. Israel is not a signatory to the Rome Statute that created the court, but this does not prevent the country from bringing legal challenges before it. *AFP*

Trump files $10 billion defamation suit against BBC

LONDON

US President Donald Trump is suing the BBC for $10 billion over a television documentary he claims was "false, defamatory, deceptive, disparaging, inflammatory and malicious."

Britain's national broadcaster has apologised to Trump over the way it edited a speech in the programme, but says it will defend itself against the defamation claim. The BBC is not the first media organisation on the receiving end of a lawsuit from the president. But its position is complicated by its status as a taxpayer-funded public broadcaster and its stature as a closely scrutinised national institution.The BBC was founded in 1922 as a radio service to "inform, educate and entertain," a mantra still central to its self-image.

It launched the world's first regularly scheduled television service in 1936, and helped make TV a mass medium when many Britons bought a TV set specifically to watch the 1953 coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. It operates 15 UK national and regional TV channels, several international channels, 10 national radio stations, dozens of local radio stations, the globe-spanning World Service radio and copious digital output including the iPlayer streaming service.

As well as its news output it has a huge global viewership for entertainment shows including "Doctor Who," "EastEnders," "The Traitors" and "Strictly Come Dancing."

The broadcaster is funded by an annual license fee, currently set at 174.50 pounds ($230), paid by all UK households who watch live TV or any BBC content. The license fee has long had opponents, not least rival commercial broadcasters, and they have grown louder in an era of digital streaming when many people no longer have television sets or follow traditional TV schedules.

The BBC's decade-long charter review began Tuesday, with Labour promising "sustainable and fair" funding while keeping alternatives to the licence fee open. *AP*

Three Indian students among injured in IS-inspired Bondi Beach shooting

MELBOURNE

THREE Indian students were among 40 people injured in the terrorist attack on Sydney's Bondi Beach in Australia, according to a media report on Tuesday. Two out of these three students are believed to be receiving treatment in the hospital, The Australia Today news portal reported.

The names of the Indian students injured during Sunday's attack have not been disclosed yet. The Indian students sustained injuries during the shooting, and their exact condition has not been formally confirmed yet, it said.

Naveed Akram, 24, and his father, 50, opened fire on a gathering during the Jewish festival Hanukkah by the Sea celebration. At least 15 people were killed in the attack, including a 10-year-old child. Five of the injured remain in critical condition, while two injured police officers are in serious but stable condition, it added.

New South Wales Police Commissioner Mal Lanyon said the investigation is expanding as new information emerges, including international travel by the alleged attackers and the discovery of extremist material, the report said.

Meanwhile, Australia's federal police commissioner Krissy Barrett said on Tuesday that the shooting was "a terrorist attack inspired by Islamic State." The suspects were a father and son, aged 50 and 24, authorities have said.

People offer flowers and hugs at a floral memorial during a tribute for victims of shooting at the Bondi Pavilion at Bondi Beach | AP

The older man, whom state officials named as Sajid Akram, was shot dead. His son was being treated at a hospital. A news conference by political and law enforcement leaders on Tuesday was the first time officials confirmed their beliefs about the suspects' ideologies.

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said the remarks were based on evidence obtained, including "the presence of Islamic State flags in the vehicle that has been seized." *PTI/ AP*

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MARKET			GOLD			SILVER			FOREX		
533.50	Sensex	84,679.86	₹1,520	24 carat (10 gm)	₹1,33,860	₹3,900	1 kg	₹1,99,100	Dollar		91.07
167.20	Nifty	25,860.10	₹1,400	22 carat (10 gm)	₹1,22,700	₹39	10 gm	₹1,991	Euro		107.01

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Insurance Bill passed in LS; 100% FDI now a reality

PUSHPITA DEY @ New Delhi

THE Lok Sabha on Tuesday passed the Sabka Bima Sabki Raksha (Amendment of Insurance Laws) Bill, 2025, paving the way for allowing up to 100% foreign direct investment (FDI) in the insurance sector.

The Bill, introduced with the objective of boosting capital inflows, improving insurance penetration and enhancing ease of doing business, also empowers the insurance regulator to disgorge unlawful gains made by insurers and insurance intermediaries.

Addressing the Lok Sabha, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said the legislation aims to increase competition in the insurance market, enabling consumers to access a wider range of products at more affordable premium rates. "When competition comes into the market, the rate automatically comes down. Monopoly doesn't give us that advantage. The more the competition, the better the rates," she said.

Sitharaman underlined the need for further capital infusion into the sector, stating that permitting 100% FDI would help India benefit from better technology, world-class risk assessment models and globally competitive insurance products. "The proposed removal of the upper cap on FDI in the insurance sector will be a significant enabler in meeting these objectives," she added.

Dispelling concerns that foreign players could dominate the sector, Sitharaman noted that despite the earlier FDI cap of 74%, only four insurance companies currently have foreign investment at that level. Of the 40 insurers with any FDI, 10 have foreign investment of less than 26%, 23 have FDI between 26% and 49%, and three have FDI between 49% and 74%, she said.

While seeking to create a level playing field for both domestic and foreign insurers and intermediaries, the Bill also strengthens the regulator's enforcement powers.

Sitharaman said the amendments would empower the regulator to order disgorgement of wrongful gains. "When insurance companies make wrongful profits, those gains will be disgorged by the regulator," she said.

Large pvt firms ready to enter nuclear sector

Reliance, Adani Group, Tata Power and L&T likely among the early entrants as govt clears path for private sector

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

THE Sustainable Harnessing and Advancement of Nuclear Energy for Transforming India Bill, 2025, which was tabled in Parliament on Monday, will make it easier for private players such as the Adani Group, Larsen & Toubro (L&T), Tata Power Ltd and Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) to enter India's nuclear sector. These Indian conglomerates have previously shown interest in entering the nuclear energy space.

Adani Group's Chief Financial Officer Jugeshinder Singh reportedly said that the group has a strong interest in nuclear energy but would require clarity on liability norms before moving forward. He added that a workable structure would allow the company to undertake

nuclear projects similar to those already in place through international collaborations.

Tata Power has previously stated that it is keen to set up small nuclear reactors, but that the government first needs to clear the policy framework for the sector. L&T signed an agreement last month with the Asia arm of US-based nuclear energy solutions provider Holtec International for heat transfer equipment. L&T has a total addressable market of ₹4.22 lakh crore in the nuclear space by FY30. NTPC Ltd is scouting for land across 16 states to develop nuclear power plants.

RIL, Adani Group, JSW Energy, Jindal Steel and Power, Tata Power and Hindalco Industries have shown interest in setting up Bharat Small Modular Reactors.

According to analysts, the Bill, which repeals the Atomic Energy Act, 1962, and the Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage Act, 2010, seeks to address a key apprehension of the private sector by introducing clearer operator liability norms, capped at ₹3,000 crore. Also, the Bill eliminates the right of recourse against suppliers for defective equipment, which had previously deterred private participation.

"This reform aims to accelerate capacity expansion towards India's 100 GW target by 2047. The bill seeks to address a main apprehension by the private sector by introducing clearer operator liability norms along with eliminating the right to recourse on suppliers for defective equipment, that previously deterred private participation.

It largely aligns supplier liability with global practices," said Ankit Jain, Vice President and Co-Group Head, Corporate Ratings, ICRA Limited.

However, he also noted that the sector faces inherent challenges, including extremely high capital costs of ₹16-20 crore per MW, long gestation periods, and plant stabilisation-related issues. Private firms lack an operational track record in this domain, raising concerns over execution risks and tariff competitiveness.

Key concern addressed

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Rupee falls below 91 as RBI stops intervention

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

THE rupee continued its free-fall for the fifth consecutive day on Tuesday, closing 22 paise or 0.24% down to a new low of 91.07 per dollar. The currency has lost more than 1% in the last five days, whereas in the last one year, it has lost 6.2%.

Other than non-clarity on India-US trade finalisation and sustained outflow of funds by FIIs, experts attribute the fall of currency to RBI allowing it to decline. V K Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist at Geojit Investment, attributed the rupee weakness to the RBI decision of letting it fall. Moreover the rupee fall was not expected today since the November trade data has come better-than-expected. "Covering of short positions must have been the prime driver for Tuesday's fall," he added.

The rupee weakness is due to RBI's decision of letting it fall. Moreover the rupee fall was not expected today since the November trade data has come better-than-expected — V K Vijayakumar of Geojit Investment

Anindya Banerjee, Head Currency and Commodities Research at Kotak Securities, said the pressure on the currency is being driven by three key factors: sentiment, capital flows, and the global macro backdrop. "On sentiment, uncertainty around the trade deal with the US and the broader trade-war environment is weighing on markets. FPIs have pulled out close to $2.7 billion in the first two weeks of December alone, already among the largest monthly outflows this year, with the month still unfinished," he said.

"Globally, rising US bond yields and expectations of a Bank of Japan rate hike have triggered an unwinding of the yen carry trade. This has led to risk aversion across equities, credit, crypto, and some commodities, adding speculative pressure on emerging-market currencies, including the rupee," Banerjee said.

FIIs sold equities worth Rs 1,468.3 crore Monday, according to exchange data.

Deepak Agrawal, chief investment officer at Kotak Mutual Fund, said the rupee's record low is primarily driven by external factors, not domestic economic weakness. Key reasons apart from the steep US tariffs include persistent capital outflows, dollar demand linked to non-deliverable forward maturities and if there is a trade deal and if capital flows improved the rupee may appreciate next year.

Ola founder sells stake in firm amid fall in share prices

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

BHAVISH Aggarwal, co-founder of electric two-wheeler (e-2W) company Ola Electric Mobility, on Tuesday sold 2.6 crore shares, representing a 0.6% stake in the company, through a bulk deal. The sale comes at a time when Ola Electric's shares have been hammered on the exchanges and are trading near their all-time low levels.

The shares were offloaded at an average price of ₹34.99 per share, bringing the total deal size to ₹92 crore. Shares of Ola Electric crashed 8.5% on Tuesday to close at ₹34.20 a piece. As of September, Aggarwal held a 30.02% stake in Ola Electric.

Ola Electric in a statement said the founder-promoter has undertaken a one-time, limited monetisation of a small portion of his personal stake to fully repay a promoter-level loan amounting to ₹260 crore. Ola claimed that there will be no dilution of promoter control or change in the long-term conviction. "With this, all of the previously pledged 3.93% shares will be released, removing a critical overhang. Post the transaction, the promoter group would continue to hold approximately 34% in Ola Electric," said the company.

The stake sale by Aggarwal also accompanies Ola's falling sales in the Indian e-2W market. According to VAHAN data, the Bengaluru-based company sold 8,400 electric vehicles in November, a massive decline of 71% year-on-year. This was also Ola's lowest monthly sales in over three years.

At its peak, Ola Electric dominated India's e2W market with monthly sales peaking at 53,647 units in March 2024. However, growing competition from legacy players and issues regarding quality and services of its two-wheelers started reflecting on the company's sales.

HDFC gets RBI nod to buy 9.5% stake in IndusInd

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

HDFC Bank said on Tuesday that the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved its request to allow its group entities to acquire up to a 9.5% stake in the troubled private sector lender IndusInd Bank.

In an exchange filing late on Monday, the bank said the approval applies to an "aggregate holding" by its group entities including HDFC Mutual Fund, HDFC Life Insurance, HDFC Ergo General Insurance, HDFC Pension Fund and HDFC Securities.

The HDFC Bank added that "it does not intend to invest directly in IndusInd Bank."

But since the combined investments of its group entities are likely to exceed the earlier regulatory threshold of 5%, it applied to the RBI for an enhanced limit.

The application was submitted on October 24 on behalf of the group entities, as the RBI's commercial banks (acquisition and holding of shares or voting rights) directions 2025, apply to the bank, it added.

Under the approval granted on December 15, the aggregate holding must not exceed 9.5% in IndusInd's paid-up share capital or voting rights at any point, the bank said, quoting the RBI approval.

The approval is valid for one year, until December 14, 2026, and the RBI has mandated that the permitted shareholding be acquired within this period, failing which the approval will lapse.

According to the September quarter shareholding pattern, HDFC midcap fund, part of HDFC Mutual Fund, held a 4.03% stake in Indusind, valued at Rs 2,668 crore based on Monday's closing price.

Mutual funds together own close to 23% of IndusInd Bank. Other prominent shareholders include the government of Singapore, the Government Pension Fund Global, BNP Paribas and LIC.

ASIANOMICS

JAPAN

FISCAL 2026 BUDGET TO INCLUDE RECORD SPENDING

Total spending in Japan's draft budget for fiscal 2026 will likely exceed 120 trillion yen ($775 billion) to hit a new record, two government sources said on Tuesday. It would top the 115-trillion-yen annual budget for the current fiscal year, the sources said, confirming an earlier report by *Kyodo* news agency. The increase would reflect rising social welfare costs, which make up one-third of total spending, defence spending and the cost of funding Japan's huge public debt, they added. Concern over Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi's big spending plans has recently pushed up government bond yields as investors brace for issuance of huge debt. Meanwhile, the country's upper house passed an 18.3 trillion yen ($118 billion) extra budget on Tuesday, giving the Prime Minister the green light to roll out the country's largest stimulus package since the COVID-19 pandemic despite fiscal concerns.

CHINA

URGES GULF NATIONS TO SEAL FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

China's foreign minister has pressed the Gulf Cooperation Council to conclude long-running talks on a free trade agreement with China, attributing the urgency to rising protectionism and unilateralism as free trade comes "under attack", according to a Monday statement from the ministry. Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi is on a three-nation tour in the West Asia that began in the UAE and is expected to end in Jordan. He met GCC Secretary-General Jasem Mohamed Albudaiwi in Riyadh on Sunday, when he also met top Saudi officials separately. "The talks have lasted for more than 20 years, and conditions for all aspects are basically mature, it is time to make a final decision," he said during a meeting with Albudaiwi, according to the Chinese foreign ministry. A successful FTA will send a "strong signal to the world about defending multilateralism," Wang said.

SOUTH KOREA

BANK OF KOREA BOARD MEMBERS WARY OF FOREX RISKS

Most Bank of Korea board members were worried about a weaker won fueling financial instability and price pressure as they kept interest rates unchanged on November 27, minutes of the meeting showed, signalling that the current easing cycle could end soon. "High volatility in the foreign exchange market due to imbalances in foreign exchange supply and demand and external uncertainty is also a burden," one member said, when arguing why the bank should keep rates steady. The Bank of Korea's monetary policy board voted to keep the benchmark interest rate unchanged at 2.50% at last month's policy meeting, in line with expectations. Asia's fourth-largest economy is entering a consumption upswing just as its currency is slumping, leaving little room for policymakers to support growth without fueling inflation. The won is the worst performing Asian currency so far this quarter apart from the yen.

CLEARING WAY

NCLT approves Vedanta's demerger plan

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) on Tuesday approved Vedanta's demerger plan, clearing the way for the conglomerate to split into separate sector-focused companies covering aluminium, oil and gas, power, and iron and steel. "The sanction to the company scheme is granted," the Mumbai bench of the tribunal said. The NCLT had reserved its order after hearing the matter on November 12. The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoPNG) had earlier raised concerns about possible financial risks after the demerger and alleged misrepresentation of hydrocarbon assets and inadequate disclosure of liabilities by Vedanta.

The ministry had told the NCLT that it wanted more disclosures, including details on exploration blocks being shown as Vedanta's assets and loans taken against those assets. Vedanta, in its response, said it had complied with all required norms.

The demerger plan was first announced in 2023, after Anil Agarwal's attempt to take Vedanta private in 2020 did not succeed. After the split, five companies will be created. Vedanta Limited will retain the group's zinc and silver businesses.

Sebi board likely to clear 11 proposals, including revamp of mutual fund fees

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

THE board of the capital markets regulator — The Securities and Exchange Board of India — is likely to consider as many as 11 regulatory proposals, covering major overhauls of broker regulations, mutual fund expense structure, administration of exchanges and the introduction of a closing-auction session among others. The board will meet on Wednesday.

It may also clear rationalisation of disclosure and lock-in norms under IPO framework, ease compliance for debt-market issuers, relax KYC requirements for NRIs, standardise processes for mutual fund folio onboarding, and permit incentives to improve retail participation in public debt issues and enhanced transparency and reporting standards for alternative-investment funds.

The regulations dealing with mutual funds are set for a revamp, including redefining the total expense ratio (TER) framework. The Sebi is likely to clear a proposal to exclude all statutory levies from the total expense ratio charged by mutual funds. The regulator wants securities transaction tax, commodity transaction tax, stamp duty and GST to be kept outside the TER cap and passed directly to investors. At present, only GST on management fees is charged separately, while the rest are absorbed within the TER. The Sebi argued in its October 28 consultation paper that removing these levies from the cap would eliminate confusion and ensure that any future changes in taxes are reflected more transparently.

The board is also likely to revisit another proposal from the consultation paper — scrapping the additional 5 bps that funds can currently charge on schemes that levy an exit load.

The provision was originally meant to be temporary, and the Sebi now wants it removed. To cushion the impact on fund houses, the Sebi has suggested raising the first two TER slabs for open-ended active schemes by 5 bps.

China Eastern Airlines to start Delhi route, plans flying to Kolkata, Mum

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

DUE to robust demand for flights between China and India, China Eastern Airlines on Tuesday announced the commencement of daily non-stop flights between New Delhi and Shanghai from January 2, 2026. Looking ahead, China Eastern Airlines said it will expand its footprint in India, with plans to relaunch Kolkata-Kunming and introduce a new route Mumbai-Shanghai in the near future.

"These initiatives underscore the airline's vision to provide Indian travellers with greater access to China and beyond, while supporting trade, tourism, and cultural exchange between the two nations," said China Eastern Airlines in a statement.

The rapid expansion follows the successful re-launch of the route in November after a five-year hiatus. While the Delhi-Shanghai route was initially planned for a phased increase from three to five weekly flights,

the "overwhelming response from both passengers and trade partners" has prompted China Eastern to move directly to daily flights.

Besides China Eastern, Indian airlines are also aggressively expanding their presence in the Chinese market after the two nations approved the resumption of direct flights following a long hiatus. IndiGo led the revival with the launch of direct services between Kolkata and Guangzhou in late October. Air India is set to restart non-stop flights between Delhi and Shanghai (PVG) from February 1, 2026.

Direct flights between India and China had been suspended since early 2020, initially due to the COVID-19 and subsequently amid heightened tensions following the Galwan Valley military standoff that year. Industry experts believe that the resumption of direct flight services between India and Chinapresents major growth opportunities by making travel, trade and cross-border business more efficient for both countries.

China Eastern also offers interline connectivity, allowing travellers to book single-ticket journeys to and from 39 Indian cities via Delhi to Shanghai and onward to destinations across China Eastern's extensive global network.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

Electrical (General), Construction, Chennai Egmore

Tender Notice No. E-HQ-CN-EOT-42-2025-26, Dated: 15.12.2025

For and on behalf of the President of India, The Deputy Chief Electrical Engineer / General / Construction / Southern Railway / Egmore, Chennai - 600 008 invites E-Tender for the following Work.

Name of Work: Implementation of Rooftop Solar PV System at Various Locations of Madurai Station of Madurai Division, Southern Railway, with the Objective of Generating and Supplying Energy to Railway Installations through RESCO Mode.

Tender Notice No. and Date		E-HQ-CN-EOT-42-2025-26, Dated: 15.12.2025
1	Period of Completion	240 days
2	Approximate Cost of Work	₹ 13,78,37,539.00
3	Cost of Tender Document	₹ 34,810/-
4	Earnest Money Deposited / Bid Security	₹ 10,68,000/-
5	Tender Closing Date and Time	22.01.2026 at 15.00 hrs
6	Tender Opening Date and Time	22.01.2026 at 15.30 hrs

Complete details can be seen **www.ireps.gov.in**

Deputy Chief Electrical Engineer / General / Construction / Egmore, Chennai - 600 008

Office of the Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation & Ground water Development, Division, Kashipur Circle, Shivamogga-577204.

SECTION 1-INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDERS KW-1 & 3

Dated:12.12.2025 **IFT No.: 31/2025-26.**

The Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation & Ground water Development Division, Shivamogga invites tenders in Standard Bid Document KW-1 and KW-3 through kpp-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka, viz.,http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from eligible contractors for the works of coming under M.I sub-divisions TARIKERE/ SORAB amounting from Rs.3.58 lakhs to Rs.84.70 lakhs.. Period of downloading tender documents from e-procurement portal: From 15.12.2025 to 23.12.2025 upto 17:00 hrs. Any other details may be obtained from the office of the undersigned during office hours on all working days. Details published on the e- procurement website @ http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in are final.

Sd/- Executive Engineer M.I & G.W.D. Division, Shimoga.

DIPR/smg/KSMCA/25-26/82/12/1401

BANARAS LOCOMOTIVE WORKS, VARANASI-221004

Bid No. E-49/2025-26 **E-TENDER NOTICE** Date: 13/12/2025

E-Tenders are invited for & on behalf of the president of India for the supply of following items. Only e-offer will be accepted for which vendors must have class III Digital Signature and registration on IREPS. The details of tenders are in the following sequence **S.No., Tender No. (Due Date), Description, PL No. and Quantity. 01.** 01251047A (31/12/25), SHROUD ASSLY TURBINE WHEEL, PL No. 16080488 and Qty. 482 Nos.; **02.** 02241621A (29/12/2025), Kit of HHP Turbo Hardware, PL No. 19840639 and Qty. 256 Set; **03.** 03251275 (05.01.26), Kit for Top Operated Handle & Bracket, PL No. 29130440 and Qty. 180 Set; **04.** 09241022C (08/01/2026), STATOR AND COIL ASM to PL No. 18100259 and Qty 103 Nos. **05.** 10251261 (01/01/2026), Development Tender for Support Rocker Arm, PL No. 16130030 and Qty 320 Nos.; **06.** 10251267B (05/01/2026), Development Tender for Elbow Water Outlet, PL No. 16130285 and Qty. 480 Nos. The details of above tenders are available on **www.blw.indianrailways.gov.in** and **www.ireps.gov.in**. **Corrigendum: 07.** 04251125 (10/12/2025) Bid No. E-45/2025-26, Rev. 01, Existing Due Date: 10/12/2025, Revise Due Date: 17/12/2025; **08.** Tender No. 03251038D, Details of Corrigendum: Tender due to open on 08.12.2025 has been postponed and due to open on 24.12.2025. All other terms & condition shall remain unchanged.

PRO/BLW/S-51 **Senior Material Manager/Shell**

/blwvaranasi **Website: blw.indianrailways.gov.in**

FORM NO.19
NOTICE FOR APPEARANCE PETITIONS RULES 1, 2, 4 AND 11 OF CHAPTER XIII (KARNATAKA HIGH COURT RULES)
IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU
Notice to the Respondent Nos. 1 and 6 vide Court Order dated 10.12.2025

CRP NO. 237/2023

BETWEEN : SRI. PRAKASH S/O LATE KARIYAPPA AGED ABOUT 45 YEARS R/AT YELACHAGUPPE VILLAGE SULIKATTE PALYA PRESENTLY GIDDADAPALYA TAVAREKERE HOBLI BENGALURU SOUTH TALUK -562 130 **...PETITIONER**
(SRI. BASAVARAJU P, ADV. FOR PETITIONER)
AND : SMT. GANGAMMA W/O LATE HANUMANTHAIAH AGED ABOUT 79 YEARS R/AT GIDADA PALYA YELACHAGUPPA DHAKLE TAVAREKERE HOBLI BENGALURU SOUTH TALUK -562 130 & OTHERS **...RESPONDENTS**
(SRI. M.G. SIDDALINGAIAH, ADV. FOR R-2, 4 & 5))

To : RESPONDENT Nos. 1 and 6

1. SMT. GANGAMMA W/O LATE HANUMANTHAIAH AGED ABOUT 79 YEARS
6. SMT. RATHNAMMA W/O LATE HANUMANTHAIAH D/O LATE MUNIYAPPA AGED ABOUT 46 YEARS BOTH ARE R/AT GIDADA PALYA YELACHAGUPPA DHAKLE TAVAREKERE HOBLI BENGALURU SOUTH TALUK -562 130

CRP FILED UNDER SECTION 115 OF CPC, AGAINST THE ORDER DATED 05.12.2022 PASSED ON I.A.NO.11 IN OS.NO.95/2014 ON THE FILE OF THE ADDITIONAL CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC, MAGADI. DISMISSING THE IA..NO.11 FILED UNDER ORDER VII RULE 11(a) AND (d) OF CPC FOR REJECTION OF PLAINT.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO YOU TO APPEAR IN THIS COURT IN PERSON OR THROUGH AN ADVOCATE DULY INSTRUCTED OR THROUGH SOMEONE AUTHORIZED BY LAW TO ACT FOR YOU IN THE **CRP NO.237/2023 ON 13.01.2026** ON WHICH DATE THE CASE WILL BE POSTED FOR ORDERS/HEARING, IN CASE YOU INTEND TO CONTEST THE **CRP.** IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR THE SAME WILL BE DEALT WITH, HEARD AND DECIDED IN YOUR ABSENCE.
ISSUED UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE COURT, THIS THE 10TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2025.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT
Sd/- ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

IN THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II

Address : 4th Floor, BSNL Building, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore-560001.

O.A. No. 15/2022

BETWEEN : CANARA BANK ...APPLICANT
AND :
M/S RST BOOKING PRIVATE LIMITED & OTHERS ...DEFENDANTS

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF RDB ACT, 1993 (as amended)

To, **1. M/s RST Booking Private Limited,** No. 1107, 1st Floor, Shop No. 4, Sarakki Village, JP Nagar, Bangalore-560078.
Represented by its Directors Mrs. Kavitha .M, Mr. Raghavendra .V
2. Mrs. Kavitha .M W/o Raghavendra .V
3. Raghavendra .V S/o Varadaraj .J
Both are residing at No. 61/91, Gopal Reddy Layout, 19th Cross, JP Nagar, Bangalore-560078. **...DEFENDANTS**

Whereas the Applicant has instituted an Application Under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 (as amended), against the Defendants for a sum of **Rs. 41,36,160/-** as mentioned in the Original Application together with current and future interest and for other reliefs.
The above mentioned Defendant/s is/are hereby directed to appear before this Hon'ble Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly authorized agent in support of his/her/their defense, within 30 days from date of the publication or **on 09.02.2026 at 10.30 a.m.** as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted.
Take notice that in case of default, the Applicant will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this day 26.11.2025.

REGISTRAR
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II
BENGALURU-1.

BENGALURU SOUTH CITY CORPORATION

Office of the Executive Engineer (BTM Layout Division)
G.B.A Commercial Complex Building, 2nd Floor,
Lashkar Hosuru, Road, Adugodi, Bengaluru - 560 030.

No: EE(BTM)/PR/350/2025-26 **Date: 16-12-2025**

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM QUOTATION

Sub: Regarding submission of quotations for essential goods to be used on the occasion of new year celebration-2025-26.

With reference to the above subject, the following good/Items are required for the security of general public. Sealed quotations are invited from Interested, eligible company/agency or individuals for supply of the following items, the quotations may submit on or before 22-12-2025 at 4:00 pm to office of the undersigned.

SL. No.	Particulars	Size	Qty	On Rent basis rate / unit per/day
1	Barricade	(5 Ft, 4 Ft) height	1	Running Ft
2	German Pagoda	1. 20X20X15 Ft 2.10x10Ft All round cover	1	Sq Ft
3	Watch tower	-	1	Nos
4	Table with frills	5 Ft, 4 Ft	1	Nos
5	Cots & Beds Set	Single	1	Nos

For more details about subject matter, contact this office of the undersigned during working hours.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer (BTM Layout Division)
Bengaluru South City Corporation

CHAMARAJANAGAR INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES

(An Autonomous Institute of Govt of Karnataka)
Sy. No:124, Yadapura Village, Kasaba Hobli, Chamarajanagar-571313.
E-Mail:directorcimscrnagara@gmail.com Tel: 08226-226701,
Website: https://cimscrnagara.karnataka.gov.in

No. CIMS/SCP/TSP/Pa.Pu./144/2025-26 Dated: 28.11.2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Sub: Invitation of Tender for the supply of various Text Books under SCP/TSP Scheme and also for Central Library of this Institution under GIA budget of this Institution.

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The Tender has been invited as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 Rule 2000 for the supply of Various Books to the students under SCP / TSP Scheme and also for Central Library under GIA budget of this Institution. Interested Tenderers are informed to apply the tender on or before 31.12.2025 at 5.00 pm through e-portal: http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

If, the last date for submission of tender declared as Government Holiday, the next working day shall be treated as last date. No separate Notification in this regard will be issued. Interested tenderers may contact the college authorities for further information.

Sd/-
Dean and Director,
Chamarajanagara Institute of Medical Sciences, Chamarajanagar.

No: DIPR.CHANAGAR: 568:2025-26

ZILLA PANCHAYATH, TUMKUR

O/o Executive Engineer, Panchayath Raj Engineering Division Tumkur

No: EE/PRED/TMK/TND NO-13/2025-26 **Dated: 15.12.2025**

KPP-Procurement Tender Notice
Single & Two Cover System

The Tender is inviting through KPP-procurement on behalf of government of Karnataka by the Executive Engineer, P.R.E.D. Tumkur, 2024-25 ZP LINK DOCUMENT works, 5054 flood constructions as per KTTP Act 2000 The Tender Documents can be obtained from the KPP-procurement Web Site and submitt the details on Dated 16.12.2025 to 22.12.2025 upto 5.00 pm. Further details can be obtained through website at http://www.KPPP.karnataka.gov.in or contact this office during office working hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Panchayath Raj Engineering Division , Tumkur

DIPR/TUM/379/KSMCA/2025-26

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE JUDICLAL MAGISTRATE NO.1 AT GOBICHETTIPALAYAM

S.T.C.NO. 477 /2016

Andavar Finance Rep, by its
Partner Karthiyarasu, S/o. Chinnathambi,
No.37. Andavar Enclave, Kalamegam
Street, Gobichettipalayam
Town & Taluk, Erode District.
...Complainant

-vs-

Harivaisnav, S/o.Nataraj,
Flot No.4, 6th Main Road,
Venkadappa Layout,
L.R.Bande, R.T.Nagar (Po),
Bangluru-560045
...Accused

Public Notice

In the above case, complainant filed a complaint against the accused for cheque bounce offence and an arrest warrant has been issued against the accused by the Hon'ble court and the same is pending. In this situation accused is absconding from the police, hence the arrest warrant could not be executed against the accused. Therefore a petition has been filed by the complainant under Section.84 of BNSS and the Hon'ble court has issued an order to declare the accused to appear before this Hon'ble court on 19.01.2026 at 10.30 am. In case of default, it is hereby notified that Harivaisnav S/o. Nataraj, will be declared as proclaimed offender.

// By Court Order //

K. SIVASAMI, B.A.,B.L.,
Advocate I M/s, 2004/2003,
Gobichettipalayam, **Cell: 94437 88854**

Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd

(FORMERLY KNOWN AS EQUITAS FINANCE LTD)
Registered Office : No.769, Spencer Plaza, 4th Floor, Phase-II, Anna Salai, Chennai - 600002.

DEMAND NOTICE NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13 (2) OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002

NOTICE is hereby given that the following borrower/s have availed loan from **Equitas Housing Finance Limited (EHFL) / Equitas Finance Limited (EFL) / Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd (ESFB).** The said borrower/s had/have failed to pay Installments and their loan account has been classified as Non-Performing Asset as per the guidelines issued by RBI. The details of the secured immovable property/ties, loan and the amounts outstanding as on date payable by the borrower/s are mentioned below. The borrower(s) and the public in general are informed that the undersigned being the Authorized Officer, the secured creditor has initiated action against the following borrower(s) under the provisions of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 and not to deal with the said property. on failure to repay the outstanding dues indicated against their names **within 60 (Sixty) days** of this notice, the undersigned will exercise any one or more of the powers under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, including power to take possession of the property/ies and sell the same.

SR NO	Name of the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) (NAME OF THE BRANCH)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of Secured Asset(Immovable Property)
1	Branch: CHANNAPATNA L. No.: 700010137820 Borrower : Mr/Mrs Mr/LAKSHMAMMA N Co-Borrower : Mr/Mrs Mr/DEVARAJU N	30.10.2025 & Rs.531548.9	All the piece and parcel of the immovable schedule property no.152900401901920183 katha no.172, situated at ibbalakahalli village, lakshmipura gramapanchayath, channapatna taluk, ramanagara. Measuring east to west 6.4008 mtr (21 feet), north to south 12.4968 mtr (41 feet), total extent 79.99 sq mtr (861 sq ft) built up area 79.99 sq mtr and do exists..north by : govt road,south by : own property,east by : own vacant site,west by : house of mrs. Kamalamma.
2	Branch: CHANNAPATNA L. No.: SECNPTN0416629 Borrower : Mr/Mrs VENKATESH S Co-Borrower : Mr/Mrs KANNAMMA Mr/Mrs SUMA S	30.10.2025 & Rs.758191.95	All The Piece And Parcel Of The Immovable Schedule Property No. 5-504-45, Katha 152900103400100924, Katha No.538/1, Situated At Akkuru Village, Akkuru Gramapanchayath, Channapatna Taluk, Ramanagara. Measuring East To West 17.6784 Mtr (58 Feet), North To South 10.6680 Mtr (35 Feet), Total Extent 188.59 Sqmtr (2030 Sqft) Built Up Area 188.59 Sqmtr And Do Exist..,north By : Own Property,south By : Road,east By : Own Property,west By : Site Of Thimmegowda.

Date: 17-12-2025, Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorized Officer - Equitas Small Finance Bank LTD**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the public that the original sale agreement dated 25/04/2011 executed between Sri.K.Devaraju, Smt.Jayalakshmamma, Miss.Jeevithashri, Master Amruth Gowda (the owner) and Mr. Rashmi P Ambali (the purchaser) for the below properties.

Item.No.1 - for the property bearing Sy No. 402, measuring 39Guntas,Sy.No.72/Block-20,measuring 1 Acre 20 Guntas, Sy.No.72/P2,measuring 1 Acre in all measuring 3 Acres 19 Guntas situated at Hosuru Village, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk & Dst, Bounded – East by Land belongs to Chaluvaiah and H.K.Shivraju, West By – Land belongs to Srinivas, North by- Government land. South by-Land belongs to Shivanna and Chaluvaiah,

Item.No.2 - for the property bearing Sy.No.72/P4,measuring 1 Acre 20 Guntas situated at Hosuru Village, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk & Dst, Bounded – East by Land belongs to Shivaramu and Road, West By –Land belongs to Narasamma and others, North by-Land belongs to Shivanna. South by-TMT india Ltd. Road,

has been lost. The report of the same has been lodged at the police station. If found, kindly return the document to the undersigned within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. Further, all persons are hereby informed not to deal with or carry out any transaction with the said landowners regarding the above property. If anyone has already carried out or is carrying out any such transaction, kindly inform the undersigned in writing at the below-mentioned address within 7 days from the present notice.

Lex i Advocates - Chandra Chooda
RN No.12, Anu Arcade, 3rd floor, CMH Road, Indranagar, Bangalore 560008.
M: 9742258221

LIC HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

BACK OFFICE, 1ST FLOOR, LIC JEEVAN MANGAL , HAYES ROAD, RESIDENCY RD, BENGALURU, KARNATAKA 560025

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

WHEREAS the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of LIC Housing Finance Ltd (LIC HFL), under Securitization & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 & in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 had issued Demand Notice to following Borrowers/Mortgagors/Guarantors calling upon them to repay the outstanding due amount mentioned in the said notices. However, The Borrowers/Mortgagors/Guarantors having failed to repay the said due amount, the undersigned has taken **SYMBOLIC POSSESSION (S)** in exercise of powers conferred U/s 13(4) and U/s 14 of the said Act read with the Rule 8.

This notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property have been mortgaged to the LIC HFL, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of LIC HFL will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" & without any recourse basis** on Date of auction, as per the brief particulars given here under.

Name of Borrower/s- Mr. GOPAL KRISHNA YALLAVULA
Loan No. 410500001132

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

All that piece & parcel of the 2 Bed room apartment bearing No. 601 in the Sixth Floor of "B-1" Block in the multi-storied building known as "NARAYAN'S – ARIES", with a super built up area of 1303 Square Feet (which is inclusive of balconies and a proportionate share in the common areas) with polish moulded door, 2 track aluminium sliding window, Vitrified Tiles flooring, RCC Roof, one Car parking space in Stilt Floor or Basement along with an undivided 0.40% share equivalent to 540.6 Square Feet in the property bearing BBMP Khatha No. 460, Survey. No.66/2 and 66/7, Jakkur Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, totally measuring 1,35,794 square feet, and bounded on the: - East By: Land acquired by BDA, West By: Lands of Ramakka W/o. Subbaih and K V Srikantiah, North By: Road, South By: Road.

Date of Demand Notice	21/03/2014
Amt Demanded	Rs.45,51,440.43 with further Interest, Cost and Expenses.
Account Details	Beneficiary Name: LIC Housing Finance Ltd. Beneficiary Branch Name: HDFC BANK LTD, Account No: LHFLBA410500001132, IFSC CODE: HDFC0000009
Date of Possession	Physical Possession on 23-06-2014
Reserve Price	Rs.55,20,000.00 (Rupees Fifty-Five Lakh Twenty Thousand Only)
EMD	Rs.5,52,000 /- (Rupees Five Lakh Fifty-Two Thousand Only)
Total Amount payable as on date	Rs. 20,753,606.61 (Rupees Two Crore Seven Lakh Fifty-three Thousand Six Hundred six rupees and Sixty-one Paise Only)
Website of E-Auction	https://online.lichousing.com/eauction/ & https://www.auctionbazaar.com/
Date & time of Inspection of Photocopies of property documents	01.01.2026 & 10:30AM to 3:00PM
Address where property documents can be inspected	BACK OFFICE, 1st FLOOR, LIC JEEVAN MANGAL BUILDING, HAYES ROAD, BENGALURU -560025, KARNATAKA.
Inspection of the Property Date for inspection and time	02.01. 2026 & 10:30AM to 1:00PM
Contact person: Name of Authorised Representative	Mr. A.S.R Phanindra, Associate Chief Manager, Mob No: 8008177199
Contact details of E-Auction from the service provider	Mr. Uthappa K K, , M/s. Arca Emart Pvt Ltd, Mob No. : 7799510999 email id:- contact@auctionbazaar.com
Last date of submission of Online Tender / Bid	03.01.2026 till 3:00PM
E Auction Date & Time	05.01.2026 & 11 AM to 3.00PM

Further to this PUBLIC NOTICE for E-Auction Sale of the above said Assets / properties (in terms and conditions of the SARFAESI, Act 2002 and rules thereunder) LICHFL invites OFFERS through online mode only to purchase the said property as per the following Terms and Conditions as mentioned below:
1. E-Auction Sale is being held on **'As is where is Basis is' and 'As is what is Basis', 'whatever there is Basis' And 'Without Any Recourse Basis'** and will be conducted **"Online".** The E-Auction will be conducted through LIC HFL approved E-auction service provider – Name of E-auction service provider (as published in newspaper advertisement) **2.** To the best of the knowledge and information of the Authorized Officer, no other encumbrance exists on the mortgaged property, except as disclosed in the publications. However, the interested Bidders to conduct their own independent due diligence verifications regarding the Location and Identity of the property, Inspection of Public records in the Sub Registrars' Offices/Civil Courts, to find any encumbrances, statutory liabilities, arrears of property tax, Income Tax, Excise Duty, Labor Dues, electricity, and maintenance dues, etc., of the Secured Asset. The Successful bidders shall have to bear all outgoing i.e., municipal taxes, maintenance/society charges, electricity charges, water charges, stamp duty, registration charges, (if applicable), if any and all other incidentals charges, cost including all outgoing relating to the respective properties over and above the Reserve Price. LICHFL will not be held responsible for any charge, lien, liabilities, etc., of whatsoever nature pending upon the properties as mentioned above. **3.** The intending bidders should register their names at portal "website of E-auction service provider" as mentioned in the auction sale notice (as published in newspaper advertisement). **4.** The E-auction Sale is subject to the conditions prescribed in the SARFAESI Act/Rules 2002 and the terms and conditions mentioned hereunder/ website also subject to conditions in the offer/bid documents to be submitted by the intending/participating bidders. **5.** Every bidder is required to have his/her own email address in order to participate in the online E-auction. Once Intending Bidder formally registers as a qualified tenderer before Authorized Officer of LICHFL, will have to express his/her interest to participate through the E-auction bidding platform, by submitting documents. It shall be the tenderer's/online bidder's sole responsibility to procure his/her login ID and password from the E-auction service provider. **6.** The aforesaid properties shall not be sold below the Reserve Price mentioned above. **7.** If the successful bidder defaults in effecting payments or fails to adhere to the terms and condition of E-Auction in any manner the amount already deposited will be forfeited and he/she shall not have any claim as such for forfeited amount. **8.** The offer/s along with the aforesaid Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) can be submitted "online" through the portal eg., **"www.auctionbazaar.com"** along with the EMD and scanned copy of KYC documents including PAN Card & (Aadhar Card) address proof, to the service provider, mentioned above on or before the Bid Submission due date & time as per other details of Auction above. Authorised Officer is not bound to accept highest offer made by the bidder if not acceptable to the secured creditor. **9.** Every Bidder shall deposit EMD before participating in E-Auction. The said Deposit/s shall be adjusted in the case of successful bidder/s, otherwise refunded. The said earnest money deposit/s will not carry any interest. **10.** Initial Bidding increment is Rs 25000/-. However, Authorised Officer will state bidding increment amount percentage for each property if, decided otherwise. **11.** The successful bidder/s shall deposit 25% of the amount of sale price, adjusting the EMD paid already, within 24 hours of bid acceptance by the Authorized officer/next working day before close of cash hours, in respect of the sale, failing which the earnest money deposited shall be forfeited. The balance 75% of the sale price is payable within 15 days from the date of confirmation of the sale unless decided otherwise by Authorised Officer in writing, the maximum period allowed is 90 days, beyond which time-period cannot be extended. In case of failure to deposit the balance amount within the prescribed period, the amount deposited shall be forfeited. The Authorized Officer shall not be required to give any further notice of forfeiture to the successful bidder. **12.** The successful bidder should bear the charges/fees payable on sale certificate, such as registration fees, stamp duty, taxes, or any other duties payable for getting the secured asset transferred in his/her name. **13.** The Sale Certificate will be issued only in the name of the successful bidder and only after receipt of the entire sale price. **14.** The notice is hereby given to the Borrower/s, Mortgagor/s and Guarantor/s that they can bring the intending buyer/purchaser for purchasing the properties mentioned above, as per the terms and Conditions of the E-Auction Sale. **15.** Inspection of the photocopies of documents and Property Inspection of the above said properties can be done on the dates stated in the advertisement. Interested bidders shall contact the designated official as per the other details of E-Auction mentioned above. All conveyance and other expenses related to Inspection of the property/document copies shall be borne by the interested bidders. **16.** The LIC Housing Finance Limited reserves the right to CANCEL / ACCEPT / REJECT / ALTER / MODIFY / POSTPONE the AUCTION without giving any reason whatsoever or prior Notice. **17.** The sale is subject to confirmation by the Secured Creditor, viz., LIC Housing Finance Ltd.

Sd/-
Authorized Officer
L.I.C Housing Finance Ltd, Bangalore

Place: Bangalore
Date : 17.12.2025

THE KARNATAKA STATE CO-OPERATIVE APEX BANK LTD.

No.1, 'UTHUNGA', Pampamahakavi Road, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru - 560018.
Phone: 080-26983700, 26983722, 22976600
E-mail: recoverycell@karnatakaapex.com

AUCTION SALE NOTICE

AUCTION SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY UNDER SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.

Whereas, the Bank has issued notice under Section 13 (2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 and in pursuant to and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (4) of the Act, the **Authorised Officer, The Karnataka State Co-Operative Apex Bank Ltd, Bengaluru - 560018** has taken possession of the mortgaged properties including those more fully described hereunder, and the Bank has decided to sell the below mentioned property under the provisions of the SARFAESI Act 2002, read with the relevant Rules 6(2) & 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Sl. No.	Details of the Borrower / Guarantor	Description of Property and Boundaries & Measurement	Reserve Price and EMD Amount	Balance Outstanding Amount to be paid to Bank	Date & Time of Opening Tender & Place of Auction
1	**Borrowers:** **1) Sri Rama Kishore. S., S/o. Srinivasa Naidu,** No. 68, 2nd Cross, Bhadrappa Layout, Nagashettihalli, Bengaluru - 560094. **Guarantor:** **2) Sri S.M. Madhu S/o. S.M. Chaugule,** No. 59, 1st Floor, 1st Main, KEB Layout, Sanjay Nagar, Bengaluru - 560094. **Also at:** **Sri S.M. Madhu S/o. S.M. Chaugule Ditna Consultancy,** No.23/A, 5th Main, 1st Cross, KEB Layout, Bengaluru-560094.	All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No. 21, Khata No. 53 and 55, Byatarayanapura CMC (Now BBMP) BBMP Khata No. 53/54/21, Nagashettyhalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, measuring East to West Northern Side 38.0 Feet, Southern Side 39.0 Feet, North to South Eastern Side 25.00 Feet, Western Side 29.0 feet along with building and bounded on: **East by :** Site No. 20, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Drainage, **South by :** Site No.22.	**Rs.67,45,800/-** (Rupees Sixty Seven Lakh Forty Five Thousand Eight Hundred Only) **EMD: Rs.6,74,580/-** (Rupees Six Lakh Seventy Four Thousand Five Hundred and Eighty Only) (10% of the Reserve Price)	**Rs.1,13,67,438/-** (Rupees One Crore Thirteen Lakh Sixty Seven Thousand Four Hundred and Thirty Eight Only) **as on 09-12-2025**	**20-01-2026 at 11.30 AM No.1, "UTHUNGA", Pampa Mahakavi Road, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru - 560018**
2	**Borrowers:** **1) Sri Maddurappa. M S/o. Muttaiah Shetty,** Since deceased represented by his legal heirs; **1(a) Sri Shivakumar. M S/o. Late Maddurappa. M,** No. 86, Vasanthpura, Subramanyapura Post, Bengaluru - 560061. **Also at:** No.3362, Kumaraswamy Layout, 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560 078, **1(b) Smt. Meenakshi. M D/o. Maddurappa. M, 1(c) Smt. Manjula. M D/o. Maddurappa. M, 1(d) Sri Manjesh. M S/o. Maddurappa. M,** **1(b) to 1(d) all are residing at:** No. 442, Somanahalli Village, Water Tank Road, Kanakapura Main Road, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru - 560082. **Guarantor:** **2) Sri A.T. Chandrashekhar S/o. Thimmashetty,** No. 123/1, Jaraganahalli, Chikkaswamy Layout, Bengaluru - 560078. **Also at:** No-13, 1st Cross, Chikkaswamy Layout, Jaraganahally, J.P. Nagar, 6th Phase, Bengaluru - 560078.	All that piece and parcel of property bearing No. 3310, 12th Cross, Kumaraswamy Layout, 2nd Stage, Bengaluru, measuring East to West 15.00 feet and North to South 40.00 feet along with building and bounded on: **East by :** Private Land, **West by :** Road, **North by :** B.D.A. Vacant Land, **South by :** Remaining portion of the same Property.	**Rs.84,59,000/-** (Rupees Eighty Four Lakh Fifty Nine Thousand Only) **EMD: Rs.8,45,900/-** (Rupees Eight Lakh Forty Five Thousand Nine Hundred Only) (10% of the Reserve Price)	**Rs.24,74,830/-** (Rupees Twenty Four Lakh Seventy Four Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty Only) **as on 15-12-2025**	**20-01-2026 at 12.30 PM No.1, "UTHUNGA", Pampa Mahakavi Road, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru - 560018**

Terms and Conditions of Auction Sale:- 1) The Tender form can be collected from **The Karnataka State Co-Operative Apex Bank Ltd., No. 1, "UTHUNGA", Pampamahakavi Road, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru - 560018. (Phone: 080-26983700 / 26983722 / 22976600 / 22976674)** on all working days during office hours. **2)** The intending bidders should submit their bids in the prescribed tender form in closed cover along with EMD being 10% of the Reserve Price by means of Demand Draft / Banker's Cheque / Pay Order drawn in favour of **The Karnataka State Co-Operative Apex Bank Ltd., Bengaluru** - payable at Bengaluru. The Demand Draft / Banker's Cheque / Pay Order shall be drawn after the date of publication of this Auction Sale Notice. **3)** Tenders not in the prescribed format will not be accepted. The tender along with the EMD shall be submitted at **The Karnataka State Co-Operative Apex Bank Ltd., Bengaluru** latest by **19-01-2026 before 5.00 PM.** Tender without EMD shall be summarily rejected. **4)** The property **"WILL NOT"** be sold below the reserve price. **5)** In case the bidder is not successful the EMD amount will be refunded without interest. **6)** The EMD amount shall be liable for forfeiture without prior notice, if the bidder including successful bidder fails to adhere to the terms and conditions of the Auction Sale. **7)** The sealed tenders will be opened by the Authorised Officer in the presence of the available / attending bidders **on 20-01-2026 at 11.30 AM and 12.30 PM. 8)** The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the Sale Price (inclusive of EMD) immediately after the auction sale, on the same day, by Demand Draft / Pay Order / RTGS / NEFT and the balance of the Sale Price within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale. In case of default by the successful bidder, all the amounts deposited till then shall be forfeited without notice and the property will be put for re-auction. **9)** The successful bidder shall bear the statutory dues / taxes / charges / property tax / E B charges / water charges / conveyance charges such as stamp duty, registration fee etc. that is required to be paid in order to get the property conveyed in his favour, as per the applicable laws. **10)** The Authorised Officer has absolute right to accept or reject any or all of the tender or / bid / offer and / or adjourn / postpone / cancel the Auction Sale without assigning any reason, and also to modify any of all terms and conditions of the sale without prior notice. **11)** The sale is subject to confirmation by the Bank. **12)** The property can be inspected by the intending bidders **between 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM** at their expenses at the address mentioned in the Schedule. **13)** The property is put for sale on **"AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION"** and **"AS IS WHAT IS CONDITION".** The intending bidder shall satisfy them self about the title, ownership, statutory approvals, encumbrances etc. of the property.

For further details the intending bidders may contact the Authorised Officer, The Karnataka State Co-Operative Apex Bank Ltd., No. 1, "UTHUNGA", Pampamahakavi Road, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru - 560018 for ascertaining the details of property and also for inspection of property (Phone No: 080-26983700 / 26983722 / 22976600 / 22976674) E-Mail ID: recoverycell@karnatakaapex.com

Place : Bengaluru
Date : 16-12-2025

Sd/- Authorised Officer
The Karnataka State Co-Operative Apex Bank Ltd.,

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-5)

O.S. No. 4431/2025

BETWEEN : Smt. Saramma Jacob W/o Mr. K. Jacob, Aged about 65 years, residing at #234-C, Jal Vayu Vihar, Kammanahalli, Bangalore-560 043. **...Plaintiff**
AND : Ms Ziyu Homes Pvt Ltd Represented by CEO and Founder Ahmed Ali Baig And others. **...Defendants**

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT NO. 1 BY PAPER PUBLICATION

1) Ms Ziyu Homes Pvt Ltd, Represented by CEO and Founder Ahmed Ali Baig, Having office at: No. 485, SN Towers 2nd Floor, HBR Block, Opp. BDA Complex, Police Chowki, Bengaluru-560043. Also at No.415, 4th A, 5th Block, HBR Layout, Bangalore-560 043.

Whereas, the Plaintiff has filed the above suit against all of you and Defendant No. 1 to 3 for the relief of ejectment and recovery of amount such other consequential reliefs in respect of the property at **Three Bedroom Apartment bearing No. B-02, Twelfth Floor, B-1202,** in the Apartment Project known as **"CLASSIC ROYALE GARDEN"** portion of Schedule 'B' Property constructed in the Schedule 'A' Property measuring 1475 Sft of apartment built up area and 500 Sft of Amenities and common area, totally measuring 1975 Sft of Vitrified flooring, having 758 Sft of Undivided Land Share, along with Two Covered Car Parking areas in the Residential Apartment Complex, formed as mentioned in here under.

You are hereby summoned to appear in this Hon'ble Court either in person or by a pleader **on 17.1.2026 at about 11.00 AM,** to defend the above case, failing which the matter will be heard and decided in your absence.

SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY

All that part and parcel of sites No. 1 to 12 28 & 29, measuring in all 76,230 ft having BBMP Certificate No. 175/09-10, dated 12.08.2009 (Individual BBMP Khatha is mentioned in Annexure-A) of Hennur Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore and presently bounded on the:- East by : Hennur Main Road, West by : Internal Road, North by : Survey No. 8 & Private Property, South by : Internal Road.

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Residential Apartment Complex, formed, in Schedule 'A' Property named as "Classic Royale Garden", comprising of Basement Car Parking Area, Four Blocks in each floor and each Block has got two Apartments, Ground +12 Upper Floors, in all 104 Apartments having varying measurements, with total super built up area of 1,98,560 Sft, having facility of Common area, Electricity, Underground Sewerage & Sanitary facilities, Lifts, Generators for back-up powers, Club, Swimming Pool, in the Schedule 'A' Property, presently commonly, bounded on the:- East by: Hennur Main Road, West by : Internal Road, North by: Survey No. 8 & Private Property, South by : Internal Road.

SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY

A **Three Bedroom Apartment bearing No. B-02, Twelfth Floor, B-1202,** in the Apartment Project known as "CLASSIC ROYALE GARDEN" portion of Schedule 'B' Property constructed in the Schedule 'A' Property measuring 1475 Sft of apartment built up area and 500 Sft of Amenities and common area, totally measuring 1975 Sft of Vitrified flooring, having 758 Sft of Undivided Land Share, along with Two Covered Car Parking areas and bounded on:- East by : Tower-A, West by: Apartment No. 1201, North by: Compound wall of boundary of apartment, South by : Compound wall of boundary of apartment.

Given under my hand and the seal of the court this 16th day of December 2025.

By order of the Court, Senior Sheristedar, City Civil Court, Bengaluru.

Address for Service:-
BANDAGAR SHIVAJI, M.A,. LLB.
Advocate, office at No. 178, 8th Cross, 1st Main, MSR Nagar, New BEL Road, Bengaluru-560 054.
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Aishwary wins 3P gold with World Record

World Championship silver medallist Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar delivered a landmark performance at the 68th shooting nationals on Tuesday, firing a World Record 470.5 to clinch gold in the men's 50m rifle 3 positions final at the Madhya Pradesh State Shooting Range. Aishwary's score is 1.6 points more than the current world record.

PAYDAY, PAYDAY! UNCAPPED BUT CROREPATIS

As many as 35 uncapped players signed as teams go big to secure domestic talents; Veer and Sharma become highest-paid domestic players in the IPL

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As many as ten uncapped Indian talents became crorepati on Tuesday

... T20 babies are now coming through. Sometimes an experienced player can get caught up in himself trying to work out where the game's going but these young players, it's just very free, and they only know one way. So that has real appeal, especially when the game is being played faster and faster.

— Stephen Fleming, CSK head coach

It just tells you the kind of talent pool there is in India today and the kind of players that are coming up. And more than that, the faith that the franchises are showing in Indian players knowing that they can make a difference even though it's their first year.

— Abhishek Nayar, KKR head coach

GOMESH S @ Chennai

INDIAN Premier League. Over the years, when it comes to the IPL auction overseas all-rounders and pacers used to be the ones franchises break bank on. Not anymore. On Tuesday, true to it's name Indian, uncapped domestic players, had a life-changing payday at the mini auction in Abu Dhabi.

Australian all-rounder Cam Green still was the highest-paid player at ₹25.2 crore, but of the 77 players signed at the auction, 35 of them were uncapped Indians. As many as 29 were overseas signings. Only 11 were India internationals. Prashant Veer, 19-year-old all-rounder from Uttar Pradesh, went for ₹14.2 crore to Chennai Super Kings and so did 20-year-old Rajasthan keeper Kartik Sharma — highest for uncapped players in IPL history. Veteran J&K pacer Auqib Nabi (₹8.4 cr to Delhi Capitals), Madhya Pradesh left-arm pacer Mangesh Yadav (₹5.2 cr to Royal Challengers Bengaluru), Tejasvi Dahiya (₹3 cr to Kolkata Knight Riders), Mukul Choudhary (₹2.6 cr), Akshat Raghuwanshi (₹2.2 cr), Salil Arora (₹1.1 cr), and Naman Tiwari (₹1 cr) were the eight other uncapped players who went for more than a crore.

For KKR, it was about getting keeper-batter in Dahiya, an experienced Prashant Solanki and young pacer Kartik Tyagi. Head coach Abhishek Nayar said that the value at which the players were bought reflects strongly on the quality of cricket played. "And more than that, the faith that the franchises are showing in Indian players knowing that they can make a difference even though it's their first year," Nayar said.

Meanwhile, CSK, who stuck to experienced campaigners over the years, took a significant shift in their approach midway through a forgettable 2025 season. In this auction, they spent ₹29 of the ₹43.4 crore (66.8 per cent) they had on three uncapped players — Veer, Sharma and Aman Khan (₹40L). "As the game evolved, we might have been a little bit slow to evolve with it," CSK head coach Stephen Fleming said. "What is happening is the scouting on numerous tournaments around India is becoming very important. So players are being watched and being studied and being bought with a view to performing the way they're performing now. The fact it can be life-changing is a really rewarding aspect for doing something that they love. But first and foremost, they are bought for their skills," the New Zealander explained.

Meanwhile, DC head coach Hemang Badani noted that with the salary cap expanding every year, teams are bound to spend money and sign a young player with no baggage. To drive home his point, in 2024 mini auction when Sameer Rizvi went for ₹8.4 crore, the purse was ₹100 crore. Today, it is ₹125 crore to sign the same number of players (25).

Though the franchises and coaches reiterate that there is no price-tag pressure, if one go by past trends, players tend to feel the heat when things don't go well. By the time 2026 season comes along, it will be interesting to see whether the Sharmas and Veers grab the limelight and make it their own.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

CAMERON GREEN
The Australian all-rounder as expected was the costliest player, signed by KKR for
₹25.2 crore
PRASHANT VEER
A potential long-term replacement for Ravindra Jadeja, CSK got the UP all-rounder for
₹14.2 crore
MATHEESHA PATHIRANA
The slingy Sri Lankan pacer will reunite with bowling coach Dwayne Bravo as he was signed by KKR for
₹18 crore
LIAM LIVINGSTONE
The England all-rounder was always going to go big and he was signed by SRH for
₹13 crore
MUSTAFIZUR RAHMAN
The left-arm seamer may not be as effective as he once was but is still effective. KKR signed him for
₹9.20 crore
KARTIK SHARMA
In what was a big pay day for uncapped players, Rajasthan keeper-batter was signed by CSK for
₹14.2 crore
JOSH INGLIS
The Australian, who did well for Punjab, had a windfall of a day, signed by LSG for
₹8.6 crore
TOP SIGNINGS
Here are some of the players who fetched big money during the mini auction

This high AuQIb good for health

FIROZ MIRZA @ Chennai

'A COACH doesn't make a player but a player makes a coach'. These were the words of Jammu and Kashmir bowling coach Krishna Kumar after his ward, Auqib Nabi, was bought for a whopping ₹8.4 crore by Delhi Capitals in the mini auction held in Abu Dhabi on Tuesday. This also makes him the costliest J&K player in the IPL.

The 29-year-old pacer from Baramulla has been making heads turn for the past couple of seasons but went unsold in the 2025 mega auction held in November last year. "We were sipping tea when he went unsold. But he was unmoved and said, 'it doesn't matter'. That shows his character. His biggest strength is his calmness. No matter if he claims a fifer or goes wicketless, he will remain calm and that helps an individual in a tough situation," Kumar, who joined the J&K team in 2023, told this daily.

Nabi was the leading wicket taker in the previous Ranji season among pacers and second on the list among all the bowlers. This season too he is occupying the second place with 29 wickets from five matches so far with three five-wicket hauls. Add to it his another five-wicket haul in the season opener — Duleep Trophy. Nabi has also bagged 15 wickets in seven Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy matches with an impressive economy of 7.41 in the ongoing season of the domestic T20 tournament.

Auqib Nabi (R) with J&K bowling coach Krishna Kumar | SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

AUQIB NABI

The J&K reaped rewards for years of toil as he was signed by Delhi Capitals for **₹8.4 crore**

Like any cricketer from the Valley, Nabi too started playing cricket on the streets and didn't have a turf wicket unless he was selected for the U19 J&K team for the Cooch Behar Trophy. Son of a government school teacher, Nabi met the same fate when he attended selection trials for his state team. He was rejected twice before finally making it to the U19 squad.

"I have been into coaching for the last 20 years and I can say with certainty that Auqib's mindset is like Wasim Jaffer, Vikram Rathour and Sanjay Bangar — all former India players. Like them he is hardworking and keeps it simple. When you keep it simple and try to control things which are controllable then you feel less pressure which eventually helps you to showcase your skills to the fullest," added the coach.

Given the hardships he has to endure in absence of infrastructure in his hometown, Nabi wishes to set up a cricket academy in Baramulla with an aim to provide all facilities to aspiring cricketers. "Yes it's true. He wants to start a cricket academy in Baramulla once he finishes his cricketing career. He even offered me a position there if the wish comes true. He doesn't want the upcoming cricketers to face adversities he had to face in his growing years." It was learnt that Nabi has even requested for a piece of land from the authority concerned. Incidentally, the J&K team started its camp for the Vijay Hazare Trophy in Jammu on Tuesday.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

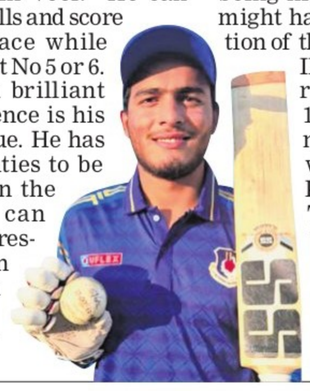
With Jadeja moving to RR, CSK break bank for UP's Veer

FIROZ MIRZA @ Chennai

PRASHANT Veer was a relatively unknown cricketer from Uttar Pradesh till five-time champions Chennai Super Kings snapped him for a breathtaking price of ₹14.2 crore on Tuesday. A left-hand batter and slow left-arm orthodox bowler from Amethi, 20-year-old Veer rose to stardom the moment he became the joint-most expensive uncapped player in the history of the IPL along with wicketkeeper-batter from Rajasthan Kartik Sharma. Incidentally, the latter was also bought by the Chennai franchise.

The turn of events might have surprised a majority of people but not Gyanendra Pandey, coach of Uttar Pradesh U23 team and former India player. "I knew he would be a player to watch out for in the mini auction given his all-round skills," Pandey told this daily. Veer, whose father is a shiksha mitra (contractual teacher) with Uttar Pradesh state government, made his way to the senior state team through his brilliant performance with the U23 side.

Such was his dedication that he shuttled between Mumbai and Kolkata playing six matches in seven days a few days ago playing Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy matches and BCCI's U23 tournament for UP. With Ravindra Jadeja moving to Rajasthan Royals, the Chennai franchise needed someone who can replace the India all-rounder. It seems they have found a perfect match in Veer. "He can bowl tidy spells and score at a good pace while coming to bat No 5 or 6. He is also a brilliant fielder. Patience is his biggest virtue. He has all the qualities to be successful in the IPL. If he can handle the pressure, he can become a long term prospect for CSK," added Pandey.



Veer finished with nine wickets from seven matches with an economy of 6.76 in the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy. He also scored 112 runs with 40 not out being his highest total. What might have grabbed the attention of the scouts from various IPL teams is his striker rate, which stood at 169.69 in the tournament. His numbers with Noida Super Kings during the UP T20 League only added to his reputation.

For Veer, whose base price was ₹30 lakh, it all started with Mumbai Indians Lucknow Super Giants engaging in a bid war for him. MI might have opted out of it but CSK joined LSG to take the battle further. Rajasthan Royals and Sunrisers Hyderabad also gave them company for some time but the Chennai franchise managed to hire the services of Veer by spending the huge amount.

"I'm happy to be joining Chennai Super Kings because MS Dhoni is there. The way he bats in the lower order, his mindset, the way he talks, how he controls his body and stays so focused ' there is so much to learn from him," Veer said after the auction.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

EXPRESS READ

Abhigyan, Deepesh set up 315-run victory

DUBAI: Abhigyan Kundu's record 209 not out and Deepesh Devendran's 5/22 set up a massive 315-run win for India against Malaysia in their U-19 Asia Cup match here. India's margin of win is their second-biggest in terms of runs in Youth ODIs, after a 326-run win over Uganda in 2022.

Acid test for SatChi at BWF World Tour Finals

HANGZHOU: Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty will face a stern test when the season-ending BWF World Tour Finals begins here on Wednesday, with the Indian doubles duo drawn in what is widely regarded as the 'group of death'. The showpiece features the top-eight players or pairs in each discipline.

Ashes: Khawaja out, Cummins & Lyon back

ADELAIDE: Fit-again Usman Khawaja was left out of the third Ashes Test here starting Wednesday as skipper Pat Cummins and Nathan Lyon were named in the Australian side. The selectors opted to stick with Travis Head and Jake Weatherald at the top, leaving Khawaja's future in doubt.

SMAT: Jharkhand vs Haryana in final

AMBI (PUNE): Jharkhand sealed a spot in the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy final by topping Super League Group A, despite a 9-run loss to Andhra Pradesh here. Andhra posted 203/7 and restricted Jharkhand to 194/ 8. Jharkhand will face Haryana, who beat Hyderabad on the day, in the final.

Hikaru's unusual route to Candidates

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @ Chennai

HIKARU Nakamura has had a pretty interesting month or so. Last week, the American GM became a father. Less than a day later, he flew halfway across the world to be ready in time for the third edition of the Global Chess League, currently being held in Mumbai. Part of the Fyers American Gambits outfit, one of the highest-rated players of all time across formats, has had a mixed opening to the competition in the first three days.

Against the world champion D Gukesh on Day One, Nakamura was solid in a draw. On Monday, he beat Maxime Vachier-Lagrave. Twenty-four hours later, he, however, suffered a reverse against Alireza Firouzja, who has now taken out Gukesh, Fabiano Caruana and Nakamura in the opening three rounds.

Before becoming a father, Nakamura, after making the decision to try and qualify for the Candidates through the FIDE Rating spot, took part in multiple tournaments in the US to be eligible to qualify via that route.

Viswanathan Anand (left) beat D Gukesh in a clash between generations on Day Three of the Global Chess League in Mumbai on Tuesday | GCL

RESULTS (DAY THREE): Fyers American Gambits 10-8 Triveni Continental Kings, Alpine SG Pipers 9-7 UpGrad Mumba Masters, Ganges Grandmasters 12-3 PBG Alaskan Knights

He had shown an extremely high level of play at Norway Chess in May-June. Around that time, he had firmed up the idea of how he would navigate the process of qualifying for the Candidates. But the way he went about getting to the Candidates has divided the chess world. For the record, what the 38-year-old did was perfectly legal. "He read the rules (laugh)," was how Viswanathan Anand, FIDE's deputy head, put it when he was asked about Nakamura's personal 'Road to the Candidates' mission. Magnus Carlsen, one of Nakamura's close friends, had called it 'shameless'. "I kind of admire the way he is going about it because it is so shameless," he had said a few months ago. "It's absolutely shameless, but it's probably the right thing to do." Firstly, what's the rating pathway to the Candidates? Any player hoping to make it to the Candidates via this route plays a minimum no. of Classical rated games (40) while maintaining a very high average rating over a specific time-frame this year.

With Carlsen out of the reckoning, Nakamura thought this was the safest route. So he played in smaller tournaments but rated Classical events like the Louisiana State Championships, the Iowa Open and the Maritime Chess Festival to hit the minimum appearances mark while maintaining his ratings at a high level. He played his last few Classical games at the first Annual Washington Dulles Open in November to meet the mark.

What does Caruana think about it? "I think FIDE could definitely change the rating spot in a way it makes more sense," Nakamura's compatriot, set to feature in a sixth consecutive Candidates event, said. "I mean he clearly deserves to play, it makes sense that he plays, right? If you look at the best players over the last few years, he would certainly be near the top but you don't want to see a process where the best way to qualify is just play tournaments where you massively outrank your rivals and kind of are guaranteed to win almost every match. The process doesn't feel right."

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Chance for India to seal series

After taking 2-1 lead, hosts take on South Africa in Lucknow. A look...

Washington to play?

With Axar Patel out, India will feel a little short on their batting depth and that is where Washington Sundar comes in. Going by how this team management has operated, Sundar should walk in despite Shahbaz Ahmad coming in for Axar in the remaining games.

Will Markram get support?

South Africa skipper Aiden Markram played a lone hand in Dharamsala and will want more from his players for them to have a chance at taking the series to decider. The likes of David Miller and Tristan Stubbs will be looking for form before the SA20 league.

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Amorim rues misses after 'crazy' draw versus Bournemouth in PL

AGENCIES @ Manchester

MANCHESTER United boss Ruben Amorim said his side had inspired the Old Trafford crowd in a pulsating 4-4 draw against Bournemouth, but must be more ruthless to turn draws into victories.

Three times United led the Cherries on Monday in arguably the best offensive performance of Amorim's reign in charge. Matheus Cunha netted just his second goal for the club, Bruno Fernandes curled in a brilliant free-kick and Amad Diallo signed off for the Africa Cup of Nations with the opening goal. "We are really disappointed. Crazy game. It might look like we lost the two points in the second half but I think we lost them in the first half," said the Portuguese coach.

Result: Man United **4-4** Bournemouth.

WTL 2025: GARDEN CITY SET FOR GLOBAL SERVICE

The likes of former US Open champ Daniil Medvedev will be in the spotlight when the World Tennis League begins at Bengaluru on Wednesday. A look...

ELITE NAMES IN THE DRAW

Besides former World No 1 **Medvedev**, elite players like Denis Shapovalov (World No 23) and Gael Monfils (World No 68) will also be featuring. Australia's Nick Kyrgios is another notable name who'll be in action. However, Kyrgios has had limited action in the last couple of years due to an injury and it will be interesting to see how he fares. Among women, World No 14 Elina Svitolina, No 25 Paula Badosa, a regular in Grand Slams & Marta Kostyuk, who reached Rd 4 of this year's US Open, will be leading the show.

LIKELY BOOST FOR INDIANS

The Indians in the fourth edition of the four-day event, which is being played on these shores for the first time, are no less experienced on the circuit themselves. But being part of the squad and getting a chance to exchange notes with some high-achievers could certainly help the tour regulars like **Sumit Nagal**, D Suresh, Ankita Raina and Sahaja Yamalapalli to add a new dimension to their game. It's also a great opportunity for greenhorns like Shrivalli Bhamdipaty and Maaya Rajeshwaran Revathi to draw lessons from this experience.

TEAMS AND FORMAT

- There will be four teams in the competition - Hawks, Falcons, Kites and Eagles. Each side will contain two men and two women players.
- The tournament will begin with a match between Hawks and Kites followed by the contest between Eagles and Falcons.
- It will be played in the round robin format and each tie consists of four sets. The teams will get one point for each game they win in a tie.
- If the team that wins the fourth set is trailing, the match will go to overtime.
- If the overall game score is equal after four sets, a first to 10 super shootout tie-break will be played.
- The top two teams will advance to the final on Saturday.

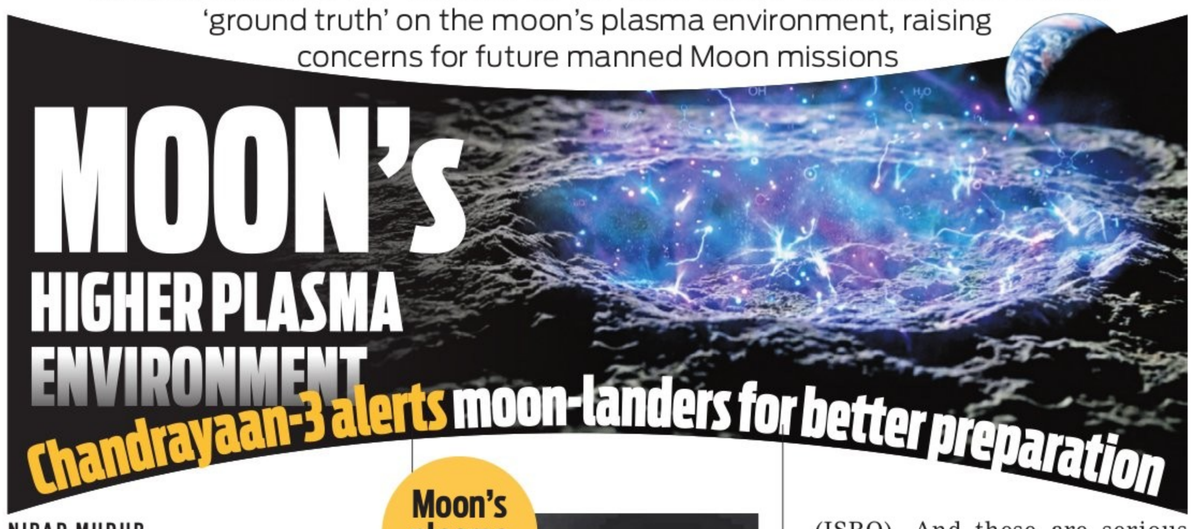
ATP to apply extreme heat rule from 2026

HONG KONG: The ATP men's tennis tour will introduce an extreme heat policy from 2026 after criticism from players who sweltered through some tournaments this year. The move brings the ATP into line with the women's WTA tour, which has a long-standing policy, and sports such as Formula One which has its own measures to protect drivers.

Mission's RAMBHA-LP payload on the lunar lander Vikram delivers critical 'ground truth' on the moon's plasma environment, raising concerns for future manned Moon missions

MOON'S HIGHER PLASMA ENVIRONMENT

Chandrayaan-3 alerts moon-landers for better preparation



NIRAD MUDUR

FINDINGS of India's first successful unmanned touchdown lunar mission, Chandrayaan-3, made public on December 9, may force a rethink on the way future manned lunar missions are prepared for, keeping safety of astronauts, equipment and the missions themselves in mind. The Radio Anatomy of the Moon Bound Hypersensitive ionosphere and Atmosphere – Langmuir Probe (RAMBHA-LP) payload onboard Chandrayaan-3 's lander Vikram, has made the first-ever direct on-site measurements of the plasma environment, and found that the electrical environment near the Moon's surface at the south Polar Region is far more active than previously known – and the lunar south Polar Region is where Moon- faring space agencies are planning to set up bases for longterm lunar explorations. The key findings are based on data from August 23 to September 3, 2023, yielding significant first-of-its-kind results on the plasma environment near the Moon's surface at the southern higher latitudes. It has revealed that electron density near the landing site of Chandrayaan-3, named as shiv shakti Point near the south Pole of Moon, was measured to be between 380 and 600 electrons per cubic centimeter. This is significantly higher than estimates derived from observations taken at higher altitudes, which are primarily based on observing the changes in the phase of electromagnetic signals from satellites passing the Moon's thin atmosphere at grazing angles.

It was further found that the electrons near the Moon's surface possess remarkably high energy, with equivalent temperatures (called kinetic temperature) soaring between 3,000 and 8,000 Kelvin.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

The study uncovered that the lunar plasma is not static, but constantly modulated by two distinct factors, depending on the Moon's orbital position around the Earth. When the

Moon is facing the sun (lunar daytime) and outside the Earth's magnetic field, changes in the near-surface plasma are driven by particles from the solar wind interacting with the sparse neutral gas (exosphere) on the Moon. On the contrary, when the Moon passes through Earth's geomagnetic tail, the plasma changes are caused by charged particles streaming from the tapered region of Earth's long magnetic tail (towards the opposite side of the sun).

Furthermore, in-house developed Lunar ionospheric Model (LiM) suggests that apart from the elemental ions, the molecular ions (likely originating from gases like CO2, H2O) also play a crucial role in creating this electrically charged layer close to the lunar surface near the Moon's south pole. These results from the RAMBHA-LP experiment provide essential ground truth needed for the next phase of lunar exploration, which is not too far into the future.

SERIOUS CONCERNS

Chandrayaan-3 's lander Vikram's RAMBHA-LP payload's findings are an alert to US' National Aeronautics & Space Administration (NASA), the Chinese National Space Administration (CNSA), and its own maker, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO). And these are serious concerns.

Most future Moon landing missions by these space agencies involve setting up bases near the lunar south pole – the same region where the RAMBHA-LP payload detected a higher density plasma environment than earlier known.

The dense, energetic ions and free electrons can disrupt sensitive electronic circuits in landers, rovers, and astronaut gear, potentially causing failures. The charged particles can interfere with radio signals, making communication with Earth or orbiting spacecraft difficult. Energetic particles pose radiation hazards to astronauts and could damage spacesuit components, requiring enhanced shielding. Basically, the RAMBHA-LP findings have revealed that the Moon's south pole is more dynamic than thought, requiring robust engineering and operational changes to safely and effectively explore it.

While all the six successful Apollo manned lunar missions (Apollo 11, 12, 14, 15, 16 and 17) clocked a total of 296 hours of astronauts being on the Moon's surface, the future missions are looking at spending weeks, months and years there. Manned lunar missions will be resumed 53 years after NASA completed its six successful manned lunar missions (1969-1972) with the Apollo-17 mission. The missions ahead begin with NASA'S Artemis Program, commencing with Artemis II in April 2026, which will be the first crewed flight of the space Launch system (SLS) rocket and Orion spacecraft, sending four astronauts on a 10-day journey around the Moon to test systems for future deep space missions. But they will not land on the Moon. Artemis III, scheduled to be launched in mid-2027, is looking at landing the first woman and the next man on the lunar surface, utilizing the starship Human Landing system (HLs) for the descent. Artemis iV in 2028 and Artemis V in 2030 aim to build infrastructure, including the Lunar gateway, with later missions planning regular landings and surface expeditions. The CNSA plans to send its own crewed mission to the Moon around 2030, using its Long March 10 (LM-10) rocket and Mengzhou spacecraft for a multi-day lunar surface stay; while India's own ISRO is looking at sending the first Indians to the Moon by 2040.

Moon's plasma environment

Plasma is the fourth state of matter, a mixture of charged particles, including ions and free electrons and is highly conductive, responding strongly to electromagnetic fields. The Moon's thin plasma environment is governed by solar wind, a continuous stream of electrons, hydrogen and helium ions ejected from the Sun's upper atmosphere. This, along with high-energy photons from the Sun, knock out outer-shell electrons from atoms on the surface and in the atmosphere, causing ionization. The lunar plasma is further influenced by charged particles originating from the Earth's magnetosphere when the Moon passes through that region, resulting in a changing and dynamic electrical environment near the surface.

HOW IT WORKS

3I/ATLAS: COMET, CONUNDRUM, OR A MIRROR TO OUR WONDER?

ANUBHAB ROY

IMAGINE a pebble skipping across a surface of water, at incredible speed. A pebble is a peculiar natural object: part rock, part disc. It consists of all the physical properties of any ordinary, jagged, unshapely rock, but its shape, due to forces of water shaping it over time, is smooth and flat (but rarely round) like a disc. By virtue of this combination of properties, a pebble does what it does: it skips across water in a feat as gracious as the temporal brevity of its occurrence. If one has never seen a pebble being skipped, it would be inconceivable that a rock could bounce on water multiple times under any circumstance. The rock, when thrown with enough force at an appropriate angle, of course, would do it anyway.

A STRANGE, UNEXPECTED VISITOR

The 3I/ATLAS comet is a strange visitor to solar system, and though it had no way of receiving our welcome, it will certainly not overstay. What at first glance had seemed like a rogue body resisting identification has had the global astronomical community piqued. Its trajectory, in more ways than one, is like a pebble skipping across water.

The comet's nomenclature, as evident by the slash of scission, derives from two sources. It was first captured on July 1 2025, by the Asteroid Terrestrial-impact Last Alert System (ATLAS), a warning system funded by the National Aeronautics & Space Administration (NASA), and developed and operated by the Institute for Astronomy at the University of Hawaii: it detects small astronomical objects near Earth that could potentially threaten our pale blue dot. The prefix "3I" corresponds to the fact that it is the third (confirmed) interstellar object to have passed through the Solar System, the first two being 1I/Oumuamua in 2017 and 2I/Borisov in 2019.

HOW 3I/ATLAS WAS DETECTED

It was the ATLAS telescope in Rio Hurtado (Chile) that first "consciously" spotted the comet, the flying chunk having been an entirely unexpected visitor. Previous passive captures registered by other ATLAS telescopes go as far back as June 14. Doomsday fortune tellers would be disappointed to hear that the comet poses no threat to the planet. It has been and will be at a considerable distance, at least 240 million kilometres away.

NASA's famous Hubble telescope, on July 21, took one of the clearest pictures possible of the comet, exposing its structure. Like any comet, its nucleus is icy and solid in nature, and its exterior coma consists of the gas and dust emitted by the nucleus. One of the most defining aspects of a comet is its affinity to the Sun; 3I/ATLAS made its closest brush to the centre of the solar system on October 29, beyond which it will keep moving away until it exits the solar system.

FASCINATION ABOUT 3I/ATLAS

The fascination around 3I/ATLAS is due to its particularly peculiar nature as a comet. It charts a curved trajectory, a hyperbola, around the Sun, as it is considered to be too fast to be bound by the star's gravity. On first glances, it seemed as if the comet had no coma trails, leading many to confusion as to its nature, but further captures could point at faint trails. Its glow has been observed to brighten and dim periodically, with a team of astronomers positing it to have a spin period of 16.16 ± 0.01 hours (available in a paper titled "Temporal Evolution of the Third Interstellar Comet 3I/ATLAS: Spin, Colour, Spectra and Dust Activity"). It is a comet travelling at incredible speeds, those far greater than the two previously discerned interstellar objects: when 3I/ATLAS entered the Solar System, it was moving at a speed of 58 km/s, which puts to dust the speeds of 1I/Oumuamua (26 km/s) and 2I/Borisov (32 km/s).

According to NASA, this incredible speed would make it safe to assume that the third interstellar visitor is also an old one: it has been firing on all cylinders, so to speak, in space for a long, long time, gathering speed. If we bring ourselves back to the pebble metaphor, the hand of space has been arching and aiming the comet for a long time, gathering potential energy. When it finally released, it entered the solar system with tremendous force. Like the Earth's gravity can do little when a robust pebble is travelling horizontally at speed, the Sun could – and can – do nothing beyond faintly bend the comet's trajectory, hence the hyperbolic arc.

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This notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property have been mortgaged to the LIC HFL, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of LIC HFL will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" & without any recourse basis** on Date of auction, as per the brief particulars given here under.

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Account Details	Beneficiary Name: LIC Housing Finance Ltd. Account No: LHFLBA410200004586, IFSC CODE: HDFC0000009
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EMD	Rs.4,90,000/- (Rupees Four lakh ninety thousand only)
Total Amount payable as on date	Rs.16,795,992.73/- (Rupees One crore sixty-seven lakhs ninety-five thousand nine hundred ninety-two and seventy-three paisa only)
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First Flight

On this day, in 1903, Wilbur and Orville Wright, the Wright Brothers, flew the first successful powered airplane at North Carolina

FOUR-YEAR JOURNEY

The airplane, known as the Wright Flyer, was the product of a four-year programme of research and development by the Wright brothers beginning in 1899

PIONEER OF AERONAUTICS

They pioneered many of the basic tenets and established the foundation for aeronautical engineering and its techniques, such as the use of a wind tunnel

TOGETHERNESS

The brothers always shared credit for their innovations and maintained a close relationship, however, there was a division of labor

A look at happenings in the city

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Still from *Petals and Memories*

Sakura Tales

With the Japanese Film Festival in ooru, Japanese cinema gears up to reach new audiences & settle into a shared cultural home

SRUTHI HEMACHANDRAN

JAPANESE films are quietly ruling the world. From Akira Kurosawa's enduring influence on global auteurs to Hayao Miyazaki's poetic, hand-drawn universes that redefined animation as emotional cinema, Japanese storytelling has travelled far beyond its borders. Today, that legacy finds renewed resonance in India through the Japanese Film Festival (JFF), which continues to strengthen cultural ties through cinema.

This year's edition of JFF in ooru, starting on Friday, deliberately steps away from a rigid thematic framework. "Our goal was simply to bring a wide spectrum of Japanese cinema to India – across genres, eras and styles," Kurumi Otake, the director of arts and culture at The Japan Foundation, New Delhi, explains.

The intention is to allow Indian audiences to experience the whole of Japanese culture through film, which goes from mainstream entertainment to quiet, introspective dramas, from animation and thrillers to classics and contemporary releases.

The three-day festival will unfold at PVR Nexus, Koramangala, transforming the venue into a meeting point for cinephiles, students and first-time viewers alike. The city's lineup showcases the festival's commitment to diversity, moving fluidly between styles and sensibilities. Titles such as *Angry Squad: The Civil Servant and the Seven Swindlers*, *Akira*, *Showtime 7*, *Petals and Memories*, *The Boy and The Dog*, *Teasing Master Takagi-san*, *6 Lying University Students*, *366 Days* and *Sunset Sunrise* collectively showcase Japanese cinema's ability to balance genre-driven storytelling with emotional subtlety and cultural specificity.

In an era dominated by global streaming platforms, JFF is also redefining the relevance of an in-person film festival. "While people can watch Japanese films online anytime, what they don't get is the atmosphere of community. A physical festival brings people together in one space, where they react, laugh and feel alongside strangers who love cinema just as much. It also allows audiences to watch films that may never reach Indian streaming platforms but deserve a big-screen moment. For creators and film lovers, this creates a bridge between cultures that algorithms alone cannot build. Streaming gives access, but festivals give connection," Otake notes.

A moment from *The Boy and the Dog*

And with Japanese pop culture gaining a huge following in India, how does the festival tap into that interest? "We include anime and youth-centric titles, because for many Indian viewers, anime is their first entry point into Japanese language and cinema. In some cities, we complement screenings with cosplay-friendly shows or meet-ups with fan communities. This creates a welcoming environment where fans of anime, fashion, or Japanese culture feel like the festival is their space," says Otake, highlighting the festival's collaboration with fan groups, student clubs and cultural communities.

Audience response over the years has played a key role in shaping the festival's growth. Viewers have expressed a desire for variety rather than a singular representation of Japanese cinema, encouraging the organisers to expand across genres, cities and formats. "Audiences really appreciate range," she adds, noting that this curiosity has helped shape JFF into a more inclusive and culturally intentional event.

SHAKEN AND STARRED!

SRUTHI HEMACHANDRAN

INDIA'S cocktail culture has never been more alive and Bengaluru sits right at the heart of this evolution. The city has moved past sugary signatures and theatrical smoke clouds, with bartenders now building drinks around memory, technique and emotion. What's unfolding across city bars feels less like a trend and more like a maturing taste, especially with the inclusion of alternative ingredients and unconventional elements.

For beverage director and head mixologist Deepak Sharma of Gladia Brewery & Kitchen, it all began with curiosity. "I kept finding kitchen ingredients that carried stories. I realised cocktails could express those too. The breakthrough, however, came from fermenting and roasting simple staples, rice, fruits, coconut water and miso. The process taught me how depth, umami and texture can come from patience. It shifted my approach," he says.

A similar philosophy shapes the work at Loya, Taj West End, where time-honoured Indian traditions influence the bar. For head mixologist Sachin Nianwal, the journey began with a question – could a green, earthy note like spinach feel elegant in a glass? The experiment led to a clarified cordial that opened a new path. He says, "The ghee-washed rum cocktail continues to surprise us. It balances warmth, nostalgia and finesse, connecting across palates. Guests are responding with curiosity and are engaging more deeply with the ideas behind each drink, whether it's a mogra-forward note, a hint of truffle or the quiet heat of peepli pepper. People are no longer just asking 'what's in it?', but 'why it tastes the way it does," and that level of interest pushes our craft forward." Cahoots found its own turning point through a moment of kitchen mischief. While working on a beef consommé, someone wondered aloud what might happen if it were used as the base for a cocktail. That spark led to rigorous trials and refinement. The restobar's director Suresh Shetty recalls, "It wasn't about being strange, it was about giving people an experience that feels thoughtful and surprising." One of their unexpected hits, a charred arugula and lightly smoked gin cocktail, captures that philosophy.

It's similar for Sharma, for whom experimentation is guided by letting the ingredient stand on its own first, as he shares, "If it has a strong personality, aroma, texture, bitterness and heat, it becomes the centrepiece. If it is quieter, I let it support the structure. The drink must feel intentional, not experimental for the sake of it."

Meanwhile at Yuki, co-founder Priyesh Busetty embraces boldness shaped by cultural intent rather than theatrics. He believes unfamiliar flavours are simple untold stories. "Flavours like seaweed, chilli oil, miso or yuzu aren't weird. They are just underrepresented stories," Busetty says. Their Yuki Daiquiri, finished with three droplets of chilli oil, has become emblematic of this approach. Also known for their meat-infused drinks, the team launched a limited-edition cocktail menu last year. "The flavours and combinations were so challenging that it scared us, but it was received surprisingly well. Our signature cocktail, Shibuya Crossing, was a whisky-based cocktail which was crowned with an edible garnish of blue cheese and tobiko (flying fish roe), while the Nara Sour was a beautiful marriage of whisky, miso caramel, sesame oil and nori (seaweed) threads," he adds.

Bengaluru's cocktail scene experiments with alternative ingredients, gemstone and celestial inspirations and global techniques to craft innovative and memorable drinks

Symbolism in a glass

Bengaluru's cocktail scene is also exploring new frontiers with drinks inspired by gemstones and the night sky. Gemstones guide colour, texture and energy, while celestial themes trace wonder, atmosphere and a poetic narrative. At Yan Yan, The Ritz Carlton, gemstones became the compass. Bars and beverage manager Nitin Goyal explains, "Chinese culture has long revered gemstones for the energies and the stories they carry. We saw a natural harmony between that philosophy and our approach to mixology."

Beyond the flavours, each cocktail is exquisitely garnished, crafted to captivate the eyes as much as the palate. Moonstone inspired Moonstone Bloom and Moonstone Elixir, while Jade gave birth to Smoky Jade. "Every drink mirrors the energy of the stone it represents. Guests describe it as a moment of connection and discovery…almost as if choosing a gemstone that speaks to them," he adds.

Cahoots' Navagraha cocktails draw inspiration from the sky. Their best sellers include Lunar Draft, inspired by the serenity of the moon. Their collection elevates mixology to art, taking patrons on a celestial journey. Among them, the Solar Rise captures the energy of dawn with its blend of bamboo-infused gin, saffron and orange, yielding a luminous golden warmth. In contrast, the Lunar Draft offers a cool, tranquil escape, weaving together vodka with notes of jasmine, lychees and lavender for a hypnotic tide experience.

The result? Cocktails that offer experiences that linger beyond the last sip.

(Alcohol consumption is injurious to health)

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KNOW YOUR CITY

Arun Prasad, city-based history researcher, unravels interesting facts about Bengaluru in this weekly quiz series. So it's time for you to find out how familiar you are with the city, beyond its heritage buildings, IT parks and the pub culture.

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY WEDNESDAY

Send answers to **bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com** with the subject line **'Know Your City Quiz'**

Correct answers and names of first three respondents with right answers will be featured in *CE*.

1. Kempa Cheluvamba General Hospital, popularly known as KC General Hospital, was started as a maternity hospital with 40 beds in 1939 and was later converted into a general hospital named after Mysore princess Kempa Cheluvarajammanni in 1962. The hospital is located in one of the earliest residential extensions of Bengaluru. Name the extension: Malleswaram or Basavanagudi.

2. HSIS Gosha Hospital, a well-known hospital among the Muslim community in Bengaluru, was opened exclusively for the ghosha women in 1925 with funds donated by Sir Hajee Ismail Sait, a noted businessman and philanthropist in the city. Which busy area in the city is the hospital located: Shivajinagar or Gandhinagar?

3. Vanivilas Hospital (Women and Children Hospital) in Kalasipalya was inaugurated by Krishnarajendra Wodeyar IV on March 8, 1935. Incidentally, the day is marked as International Women's Day. The hospital is built in memory of his mother, Kempa Nanjammani Vani Vilasa Sannidhana. Name the historic palace located near the hospital: Bangalore Palace or Tipu Sultan's Summer Palace.

Miya bhai ka magic

Indian pacer Mohammed Siraj gets candid about his fitness evolution, favourite indulgences, strong team bonds, and what truly drives him

SHREYA VERONICA

FROM a gully cricket enthusiast to one of India's most dependable pacers, Hyderabad's Mohammed Siraj's journey has been nothing short of inspiring. Known for his fiery spells, unshakeable aggression on the field, and match-winning performances, Siraj has carved a place in Indian cricket that fans won't forget soon.

The right-arm pacer, fondly called 'Miya bhai' opened up about his fitness journey, food indulgences, friendships and what keeps him motivated.

Recollecting one of his most memorable and amusing on-field moments, he laughs, "I guess when I was playing the Asia Cup final, I was on a hat-trick ball. The batsman defended it, and I ended up running all the way to the boundary. It was one of the funniest and most memorable moments for me."

Talking about his fitness journey, Siraj admits he wasn't always conscious of it. "When I started playing cricket, I never really thought about fitness. But when you start playing for the team, you realise how important it is to stay fit and recover well. When I met Soham Desai bhai, the Indian cricket trainer, he guided me a lot. He treated me like a younger brother and kept track of my recovery. More than me, he knew my body well. Having someone like him is very important," he shares.

On whether he follows a strict diet, he bursts into laughter and says, "To be honest, I don't follow a diet. But to stay fit, I take protein, magnesium, and fish for recovery – those are important."

Like most, Siraj, too, has food he simply can't resist. "My favourite meal is butter chicken and jeera rice," he says.

Talking about his closest teammates, he says, "Axar Patel and Rishabh Pant – they are close to me. We debuted around the same time and have been friends since. It feels great to have people like them." Ask him what keeps him going every day, and the answer comes without hesitation: "Representing India itself is my daily motivation. I wake up thinking that I am playing for Team India." Defining success in his own words, he adds, "Success is being part of proud moments."

INTERVIEW

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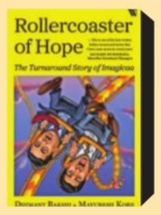
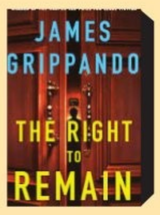


Rollercoaster Of Hope: The Turnaround Story of Imagicaa

by Dhimant Bakshi and Mayuresh Kore

What does joining hands with your compadre in trying times look like? This novel takes wishful thinking to a grounded, real possibility. Read on how Dhimant Bakshi and Mayuresh Kore make an overture on Immagicaa's ill-fated destiny.



The Right To Remain: A Jack Swyteck Novel

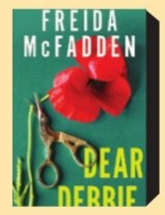
by James Grippando

Jack Swyteck, a Miami-based criminal defense lawyer, finds himself in an unusual obstacle, where his client Elliott Stafford loses his ability to speak, not only his Fifth Amendment, but his daily functionality.

In Your Dreams

by Sarah Adams

Madison Walker who moved across cities, returns to her hometown to make a mark for herself in the culinary world, and finds herself in the thick of an expected blooming romance with her long-time family friend, James Huxley.



Dear Debbie

by Freida McFadden

Columnist Debbie Muller finds herself walking on thin ice in both her personal and professional life, leading her to take her own advice, thrusting her down a twisted and vengeful path.

ALL YOU KNEAD IS MAGIC

Celebrity chef Harpal Singh Sokhi guides a participant through making festive treats at a Christmas event at Metro Cash and Carry, Rajajinagar | **VINOD KUMAR T**

QUICKFIX

SPICY GARLIC SWEET POTATO BITES

INGREDIENTS

- **Sweet potato (peeled and cubed):** 1, large
- **Olive oil:** 2 tbsp
- **Minced garlic:** 1 tbsp
- **Chilli flakes:** 1 tsp
- **Salt & pepper to taste**

METHOD

- Add the sweet potato cubes to a bowl and coat them with olive oil, garlic, chilli flakes, salt and pepper.
- Toss well until everything is evenly coated.
- Spread the cubes on a baking tray in a single layer.
- Bake in a preheated oven at 200°C for 25–30 minutes, flipping halfway.
- Let them cool slightly before serving. Best enjoyed fresh, but can be refrigerated for 2–3 days.

Contributed by **Divya Pasumarthy,** Bengaluru

NOWSTREAMING

REGIONAL

SAALI MOHABBAT (Hindi)

A housewife gets entangled in a tale of infidelity, deceit and murder.

Cast: Radhika Apte, Divyenndu, Anurag Kashyap

- **Watch on:** ZEE5

FOREIGN

MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE – THE FINAL RECKONING (English)

Ethan and the IMF face the Entity, a rogue AI capable of ending the world by seizing global mainframes. How far will Ethan go to stop it?

Cast: Tom Cruise, Hayley Atwell, Pom Klementieff

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

WAKE UP DEAD MAN: A KNIVES OUT MYSTERY (English)

A baffling death inside a quiet church draws Benoit Blanc into a tense investigation where faith secrets and suspicion blur as a close community turns against itself.

Cast: Daniel Craig, Andrew Scott, Mila Kunis, Jeremy Renner

- **Watch on:** Netflix

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FITBIT

ENJOYING FESTIVE SWEETS WITHOUT OVERDOING SUGAR

Festivals are synonymous with celebration, warmth, and indulgent food. From traditional desserts to baked treats, sweetness plays a central role in how we mark special occasions. However, excessive sugar intake during this Christmas season can quietly impact energy levels, weight, and metabolic health particularly for those managing blood sugar concerns. The challenge lies in finding balance: enjoying festive flavours without letting sugar dominate every meal.

WHY SUGAR DESERVES ATTENTION DURING FESTIVITIES

- **Overconsumption happens quickly:** Holiday meals often include multiple sweet dishes across the day, leading to sudden spikes in blood sugar and energy crashes.
- **Sugar affects more than weight:** High sugar intake is linked to increased inflammation, insulin resistance, and long-term risks for heart and metabolic health.
- **Festive eating doesn't need to feel restrictive:** Mindful choices can preserve both flavour and tradition while supporting overall wellbeing.

SMART WAYS TO REDUCE SUGAR WITHOUT LOSING FLAVOUR

- **Focus on portion awareness:** Enjoying smaller servings allows you to savour desserts without overwhelming your system.
- **Use alternative sweetening methods thoughtfully:** Naturally derived low-calorie sweeteners and ingredients like fruits, spices, and nuts can enhance sweetness while lowering overall sugar load.
- **Balance desserts with protein and fibre:** Pairing sweets with nuts, seeds or yoghurt can slow sugar absorption and prevent sharp energy dips.
- **Choose cooking methods that enhance flavour:** Baking, roasting, and using warm spices like cinnamon, nutmeg, or ginger add depth without relying solely on sugar.

CREATING HEALTHIER FESTIVE TREATS AT HOME

Homemade desserts offer greater control over ingredients. Simple adjustments such as reducing added sugar, using whole grains, or incorporating fruits can significantly improve nutritional quality. Traditional favourites like cookies, pies or festive relishes can be adapted to retain taste while supporting healthier choices.

Celebrations are meant to be joyful, not stressful. By being mindful of sugar intake and making small, intentional changes, festive meals can remain satisfying and inclusive for everyone at the table. With thoughtful planning, it's possible to honour tradition, enjoy sweetness and still support long-term health making the season truly fulfilling.

By Madhura P Behki, nutrition expert, cult — a fitness and wellness platform

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WHATWHENWHYWHERE

Pedal Power

Attend this high-intensity cardio and music-driven workout curated for fitness enthusiasts. This indoor spin class offers a structured session focused on rhythm, endurance and movement.

WHEN: December 17, 7pm
WHERE: Chakra Athletica, Indiranagar
DETAILS: chakraathletica.com

Underwater Wonders

How about a getaway to the underwater world? Take your loved ones along and spend time wandering through a walk-through aquatic exhibition featuring curated tanks and interactive displays of marine life.

WHEN: December 17, 10am onwards
WHERE: Aquarium Paradise, JC Nagar
DETAILS: district.in

Beats On

Be part of an electronic music night that promises to turn a Wednesday night into a full-blown weekend. Led by producer **Aerreo**, a blend of layered beats shapes an immersive listening experience.

WHEN: December 17, 7pm
WHERE: Secret Story, Indiranagar
DETAILS: district.in

Pint of Knowledge

Ever wondered what witchcraft looked like beyond movies and myths? This talk will take you into 18th-century Rajasthan to explore why these beliefs existed and how the law dealt with such cases.

WHEN: December 17, 7pm
WHERE: Fandom at Gilly's Redefined, Koramangala
CALL: 99583 40757

Folk & Fire

Step into *Karimayi*, a folk-theatre production directed by B Jayashree, that explores the clash between village belief systems and modern justice as a community begins to fracture. Using the Bayalaata form, the play traces the gradual unravelling of myths in everyday village life.

WHEN: December 17, 7.30 pm
WHERE: Ranga Shankara, JP Nagar
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Cut and Create

Get hands-on at this interactive laser-cutting workshop, where you will create your own custom laser-cut ornaments, ideal for gifting, decorating, or personal keepsakes. No prior experience needed.

WHEN: December 17, 7pm
WHERE: Paper Crane Lab, Indiranagar
DETAILS: puttingscene.com

Fan-tastic Time

A high-energy fan meetup celebrating **AP Dhillon** ahead of his India tour, bringing together music and dance. Expect a hype-filled night with fellow fans, curated tracks, and a chance to win concert tickets.

WHEN: December 17, 8 pm
WHERE: Social, Koramangala
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

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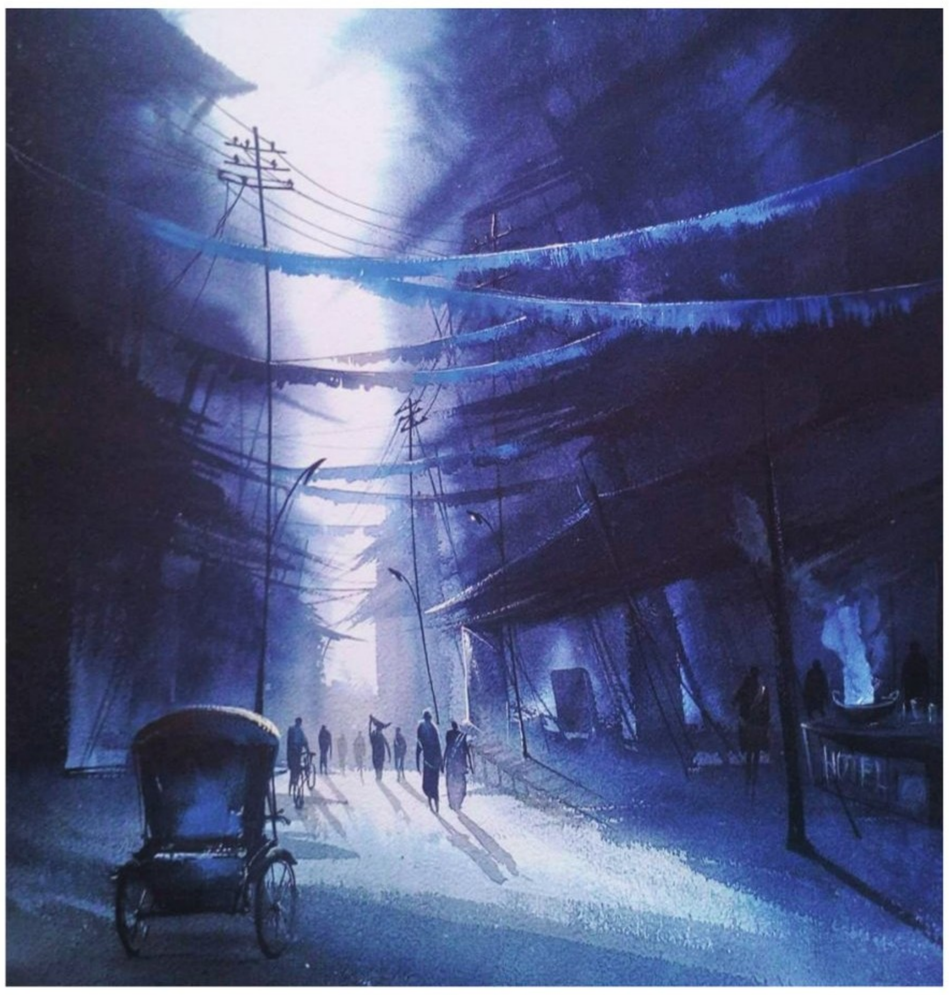


BLUE NOSTALGIA

Jibin Colorlima invokes nostalgia through the blue-hued street, lined by the silhouettes and shadows of everyday life

BANGALORE MEETS BENGALURU

Namma Bangalore 2.0, Shoba Narayan's sequel to her 2023 bestseller is a guide to B'luru's places, food, subcultures and more

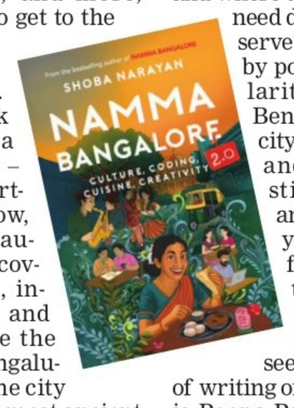
MAHIMA NAGARAJU

TO see the city you live in as a spectacle, an object of visual interest and social interaction, requires you to be a flaneur: that old French word which connotes loitering without a purpose," writes **Shoba Narayan** in the introduction to *Namma Bangalore 2.0: Culture, Coding, Cuisine, Creativity* (Rupa Publications, ₹395). As a 'flaneur' Narayan has loitered, walked, talked, collected and seen the city's stories for 20 years. After sharing them all in a bestselling book *Namma Bangalore*, two years ago, she's now back with a sequel she never expected to write. "I thought I had said everything I wanted to say about Bengaluru in that book. But the city evolves and the great thing is that it has changed a lot in the last two years and in a way, the second book is a reaction to those changes," she says.

The book, a collection of essays, is divided into four categories: Food and Drink, Arts and Culture, Subcultures and Identity and Everyday Life and Introspection. The ones on subcultures and identity, cover a range of topics from ooru's queer scene, the differences in wealth and cultures of Basavanagudi and UB city and south Bengaluru marriages, with a tinge of humour. It was born from her readers' wants and thinking back to what she needed as someone new to the city. "I had always loved books that introduced me to the city from an insider's point of view. So, in a way, this book is the book I wish I had when I moved here 20 years ago," she says, adding, "In the last book, the writing was accessible, not preachy, and devoid of all those chest thumping approaches. The second is in the same vein, but I talk about subcultures, community and identity. As an introduction, this one goes a little deeper."

Many of the essays function as guides to understanding the city, listicle-like but with a friendly, engaging, human touch – 'Secret Bangalore: 25 things to try' for example, is eclectic and encompassing everything from hole in the wall antique shops, juice shops, clothing stores and even coconut sellers. Others give the reader a hand with everything from where to take your NRI relatives shopping for weddings and dating in Bengaluru amid the barrage of dating events and meetups.

With all this, and more, Narayan hopes to get to the heart of Bengaluru, beyond its famous 'tags'. "People think Bengaluru is a one-horse pony – 'tech city' or 'start-up city'. But now, there are many authors who are uncovering the layers, including myself, and trying to change the perception of Bengaluru as just that. The city sits on one of the most ancient rock formations in the world, Roman coins have been unearthed here, the Bengaluru 'karaga' too is very ancient. It's a fascinating city we inhabit and I'm on this endless quest on discovering my Bengaluru."



But with social media dictating what people check out and where they hang out, what need does a book like this serve? Narayan answers by pointing to the popularity of books about Bengaluru among the city's residents, "Books and written words stick in your brain and are processed in your brain in a different way. I think there's room for both. Now is the moment when we see so much flowering of writing on Bengaluru. There is Roopa Pai, Kirtana Kumar and when I go to my favourite bookstores, I'm recommended so many books on Bengaluru in Kannada and in English – it's wonderful."

MOST people are sorted into categories – friends, family, colleagues, and that special list of people for the day murder is declared legal. But one category transcends these lines. Neither friends, nor family – these acquaintances are the unsung heroes of your sanity. A laugh on the dreariest of days. These are the folks who share memes with you.

Communication has always been humans' Achilles heel. We have gone to great lengths to get our feelings across. In my childhood, the advent of New Year would witness the mushrooming of 'greeting card' shops. You waded through generic quotes and designs, till you found the perfect one – as if Chitragupta himself studied your life and drafted out a celestial greeting card. People before my generation resorted to 'pen friends'. You found their name, age, and address in magazines. You silently hoped that they weren't psychopathic killers and sent them your own address – resulting in a chain of letters kept alive for years. Then there were mixtapes – where you outsourced your feelings to Anu Malik and AR Rahman, their musical chords doing the work of your vocal cords.

But mere words were never enough. Humans have always had the urge to share jokes. The earliest recorded joke (1900 BCE) is a fart joke that was saved for the future of humanity! Crude one-liners and sexist jokes were considered important to document, much before humanity found the utility in penicillin and thin-crust pizzas. But jokes weren't always easy to pass on. There were 'chain mails' – an email with 20-30 jokes. We then moved on to SMS forwards. But a single 'non-veg' joke caught on your father's phone could lead to lashings. Also, phone companies sneakily removed the 'SMS pack' on holidays and festivals – so you were essentially paying to make someone smile. After a number of failed attempts, we finally settled on sharing reels with each other.

If I were a psychologist, I'd point out that sharing reels is better than therapy. Therapy, for me, has been a low-budget Disney adventure. I've had to kiss a few frogs before I found my dream counselor. Also, the sessions are expensive, and the terminology inaccessible. Whenever the word 'boundaries' was mentioned, my mind raced to Rohit Sharma. 'Gaslighting' made me anxious, wondering if I'd switched off the stove before leaving home. Sharing reels though? A breeze in the park!

The beauty of meme-sharing is also the clear categorisation that one must adhere to. Work-related reels go to colleagues. Friends and family get U/A rated jokes. Dark jokes go to people you know you'll be sharing a deluxe villa in Hell with. And then there are people you know will be jailed if the authorities saw their memes. When the first wave of freedom of expression hit us on social media – we were all Ambedkars and Bhagat Singhs. But when people began to get arrested for their opinions, we all dove deep into our Internet burrows. Scampering out only to glimpse the chaos, and share it with our friends.

I have shared memes with people for more than a decade, without ever meeting them in person. I have fallen in love with people simply based on their memes. People who share reels with you are a special kind – uncaught in the traps of friendship or family. They couldn't care less about your birthday, or anniversary. Their only agenda is to make you laugh. The heroes we don't deserve, but need. Go to your 'Messages', and spot those brave frontline warriors. Thank them.

You know what? Just send them this article as a reel, instead!

(The writer's views are personal)

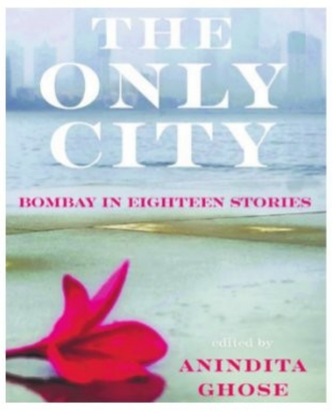
HRIDAY RANJAN
Urban Bourbon

(Writer, comedian)

NUGGETS

Launch and discussion on Bombay stories

Champaca Bookstore, Indiranagar, will host the book launch of *The Only City: Bombay in Eighteen Stories* on December 20 at 7pm. Edited by writer and journalist Anindita Ghose, the anthology brings together 18 short stories that capture the many lives, rhythms and contradictions of Bombay. The evening will feature readings and a conversation with Jeet Thayil, Dharini Bhaskar and Ghose, as they reflect on writing the city, its memories and its myths. The event will conclude with a book signing at the store.



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I, **(OLD NAME) NK RATNAMMA,** mother of NO.6495229A, HAV, RAJESH P V, Residing at Puzhayil Padingrathil (House), Vill: Kariyambadi, PO: Kariyambadi, Tehsil: Vythiri, Wayanad (Dist), KERALA (State), PIN: 673591, Have Changed My name to **(NEW NAME) RATHNAMMA N K** And **DOB** from **01.07.1966** to **01.01.1961** Vide Affidavit Dated 15.12.2025 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **CHETHANA H D (CHETHANA HEBBUR DIVAKAR)**, W/o. Nagaraj Chelur Narasimhan, residing at Flat No. 450, 3rd Floor, Mahaveer Galaxy Apartment, Uttarahalli, Sunkalpalya, Kengeri, Bangalore-560060, declaring that Both **CHETHANA H D and CHETHANA NAGARAJ** names are one and belongs to me only, vide affidavit dated 15.12.2025, sworn before notary H.G Padmanabha Rao, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHEETAL BHARTI,** W/o Sandeep Bharti, R/o No. 37, 2nd Cross, Amar Regency Layout, Horamavu, Banaswadi, Bangalore-560 043 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SEEMA BHARVESH** to **SHEETAL BHARTI,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **SHEETAL BHARTI** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 15th Dec. 2025, sworn before Advocate and Notary **MAMATHA .N.K** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHARFUNNISA,** W/o Irfan Pasha, D/o SULAIMAN, R/o No. 21, Khatha No. 102/4, Alahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, VTC: Anjanapura, PO: Anjanapura, Bangalore South, Bengaluru-560 108 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SHURFUNNISA SULAIMAN** to **SHARFUNNISA,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **SHARFUNNISA** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 15-12-2025, sworn before Advocate and Notary **MOHAMMED HUSSAIN .K** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MOHAMMED SALEEM** (New Name) Previously Called as: **MOHAMED SALEEM** (Old Name) Son of Late M.S.Mohammed Fakruddin, aged about 53 years, residing at No. 28, 1st Cross. 1st Main Road, Muniveerappa Layout, Shampura Road, Bangalore-560045. Hereby declare that, I have changed my name from **'MOHAMED SALEEM'** to **'MOHAMMED SALEEM'**, vide Affidavit dated 16.12.2025, Sworn before Advocate and Notary K. Siddappa, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Nagarajan Ramnath Kavle, S/o Nagarajan Ranganatha Rao, aged 57 years, R/at Flat No. S-8 Perody Maison Apartments, 4th Cross, Vijaya Bank Layout, Bilekahalli, Bengaluru-560076, My name is incorrectly mentioned as Ramnath Kavle instead of 'Nagarajan Ramnath' and my surname mentioned as Nagarajan instead of 'Kavle' in my passport & surname or my father's name as R Nagaraj Rao instead of R Nagarajan in my records. I hereby abandon the use of my father's name as R Nagaraj Rao & in place thereof my father's name as R Nagarajan. I shall be called as **'Nagarajan Ramnath Kavle'** in future. Vide affidavit dated 16.12.25. Sworn before Advocate & Notary M. Narendran.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) MAHADEUAMMA,** mother of NO.15331429F, HAV, RAMESHA R, Residing at House NO.88/A, 1st C Main, Ittamadu Dattathreya Nagar, Banashakari III Stage, Hosakerehalli, Bengaluru PIN: 560085, Have Changed My name to **(NEW NAME) MAHADEVAMMA** And **DOB** from **01.07.1964** to **01.01.1969** Vide Affidavit Dated 15.12.2025 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE

CHANGE (CORRECTION) OF NAME
I, **THIMME GOWDA**, S/o. Thimmaiah, Aged about 65 years, R/o. House No. 3570/A, 7th Cross, 2nd Block, Gayathrinagar, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru - 560 021, do hereby declare that my name has to be corrected in my Revenue Documents in respect of the immovable properties situated at Seegehalli Village, Mayasandra Hobli, Turuvekere Taluk from **THIMMAIAH** to **THIMME GOWDA**. Hence, I sworn to an Affidavit on 12.12.2025, before the Notary Mr. C. Srinivasa.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **NALINI CHANNAVEERAYYA HIREMATH**, W/o Channaveerayya Panchaksharayya Hiremath, age 61 years, R/at No. 16, Cauvery Goodwill Apartments, Chandra Layout, Opp. Ganesha Temple, VTC, Chandra Layout, PO: Vijayanagar, Bengaluru-560 040 do hereby declare that my correct name is **NALINI CHANNAVEERAYYA HIREMATH**, but in my passport my name is mentioned as **NALINI HIREMATH** instead of **NALINI CHANNAVEERAYYA HIREMATH**, vide affidavit dated 16th Dec. 2025, sworn before Advocate and Notary **N. NAGAPPA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **A. SUJAL JAIN**, S/o Sri Ashok Kumar .B, age 20 years, R/at No. 19, Flat No. 004, Ground Floor, The Sappire Apartment, 5th Cross, 7th Main Road, Sriramapuram, Bengaluru-560 021 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SUJAL JAIN .A** to **A. SUJAL JAIN**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **A. SUJAL JAIN** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 15-12-2025, sworn before Advocate and Notary **ONKARAPPA .N.R.** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VENKAT KRISHNAN, Residing at Villa G05, Chaithanya Samarth, Mandur Village, Mundur Post, Bengaluru - 560049, Karnataka, have changed my minor son's name from VISHRUTH to VISHRUTH VENKAT** vide affidavit dated: 16.12.2025 before notary GANGARAJU .B.N, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, HARSHA.G, S/o Gandhi, aged about 47 years, resident of # 326/5 2nd Cross, Anjaneya Temple Street, Yadiyur, Jayanagar 6th Block, Bengaluru - 560 070, I declare that my wife's name is mentioned as **SHASHIKALA HARSHA** in my Passport instead of **M. SHASHIKALA HARSHA.,** I declare that my wife's correct name is **M. SHASHIKALA HARSHA,** vide affidavit dated 16/12/2025 sworn to before Vani G K Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SOMASHEKAR MUNISWAMY, Self-employed & Residing at Flat-502, 5th Floor, Nenis siri homes, Mahadevapura, Bengaluru-560048, Have changed my name from **SOMASHEKAR MUNASWAMY to SOMASHEKAR MUNISWAMY.** Vide affidavit dated 15.12.2025 sworn before Advocate & Notary J ANAND KUMAR, Vinobhanagar, Bengaluru-560027.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PUNEETH V** (Old Name) S/o **VENKATESH,** aged about 40 years resident of #434, HARIJANA COLONY, Devanahalli Town, Bengaluru -562110, have Changed My name to **PUNITH V** (New Name) vide affidavit dated: 16/12/2025 Before Notary **A Narayanswamy** Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME
By this Deed I, the undersigned **Radhika. R** (New name) previously called Radha. R (Old Name), C/o. Rammurthy, aged about 32 years, R/at No. 25, 3rd Phase, Near Sai Baba Temple, B Sector, Yelahanka New Town, Bengaluru-560064 I have changed my name **RADHA. R TO RADHIKA.R** Before Advocate and Notary By **S . Raghunandan**

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Sri Vinayak Gangolli** S/o Late Ramdas Kharvi aged about 41 years, residing at No1246,10th Main,11th B Cross ,West of Chord Road,Mahalaxmipuram Bengaluru -560086,declare that I have changed my name from **Vinayak G.K** to **Vinayak Gangolli** for all purpose.before affidavit and notary by **R.Sulakshana**

AFFIDAVIT
I, **Diya Deepak, D/o Deepak G. S., r/o 417/20, 5th Cross, 7th Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru – 560070, inform that my correct Date of Birth is 03/12/2008. Due to an error, it was wrongly recorded as 12/03/2008 in my 10th Std. records & TC. As per affidavit, 03/12/2008 may be treated as correct for all purposes. Affidavit Dated 9-12-2025 sworn before Advocate and Notary, S.Jayanna, Bangalore.**

CHANGE OF NAME
I, JAYASHREE KULKARNI (old name) wife of Mr. PRASHANTH YEDATHORE MANJUNATH, Daughter of Mr. Dattatraya Kulkarni, date of Birth: 06-12-1974, residing at No.103, Kaveri Layout, Vijayanagar, Bangalore - 560040, have changed my name from **JAYASHREE KULKARNI** to **JAYASHREE DATTATRAYA KULKARNI** vide affidavit dated 16.12.2025, sworn to before H.S.SAKALESH ARADHYA, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of Karnataka, Bengaluru for all purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **R Mahendra** S/o Late C.G Ramegowda aged about 57 years, R/at Rampura Village, Channapatna Taluk, Ramanagara District - 562160, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Mahendra to R Mahendra, Vide affidavit dated **15.12.2025,** sworn to before Smt. A Niveditha, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of Karnataka, Bengaluru South.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VARADA RAM** R/at No.13/81, 12th Main Road, 2nd Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore- 560010 have changed my name to **VARDARAM CHOUDHARY** vide affidavit dated: 15/12/2025 Before Notary **C.K. Anupama** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MARIKANNU JANAKIRAMAN**, residing at No.42, 3rd Cross, Lingayyanapalya, Ulsoor, Bangalore-560008 have changed my name to **MARIKANNU SREEDHAR,** vide affidavit dt. 15/12/2025 before Notary **S.I. BALAGURU,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Nagarajan Ramnath Kavle,** S/o Nagarajan Ranganatha Rao, aged 57 years, R/at Flat No. S-8 Perody Maison Apartments, 4th Cross, Vijaya Bank Layout, Bilekahalli, Bengaluru-560076, My name is incorrectly mentioned as Ramnath Kavle instead of **'Nagarajan Ramnath'** and my surname mentioned as Nagarajan instead of 'Kavle' in my passport & surname or my father's name as R Nagaraj Rao instead of R Nagarajan in my records. I hereby abandon the use of my father's name as **R Nagaraj Rao** & in place thereof my father's name as **R Nagarajan.** I shall be called as **'Nagarajan Ramnath Kavle'** in future. Vide affidavit dated **16.12.2025.** Sworn before Advocate & Notary M. Narendran.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SUMA SRINIVAS, D/o RAMAPPA, W/o SRINIVAS N,** aged about 54 years, Resident of #24, Chowdeshwari Nilaya, 1st Main, Beside Diwakar medicals, Kaverinagar, Kathriguppe, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bangalore-560085 have changed my name from **SUMA RAMAPPA BILLSNDLSHSLLI to SUMA SRINIVAS** affidavit dated 15/12/2025 sworn before advocate and notary S.N. Madhu, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) SEWANTHY, Residing at No.20/4/14, House No.401,4th Cross Road, Popular Colony Mangamma Palya, Near Top Palace Hall, VTC: Bommanahalli, Bangalore - 560068. have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) SEWANTHY** to **(NEW NAME) SEWANTHY S** vide affidavit dated 16.12.2025 sworn before Notary B.V.Nagabhushana., Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **Mrs. Georgena Simon**, Aged about 37 years, D/o. Simon George, Presently R/at No. 7 & 8, Jyothinagar, Near Babusapalya Railway Cross, Horamavu Agara, Bengaluru - 560 043 and also at # 38, Bakerville Street, Whitby, Ontario, Canada L1R 2S6, do hereby declare that my father correct name is **Simon George** instead of **Simon P George** and my mother correct name is **Annamma Cheeran Kurian** instead of **Anu Simon** pursuant to the Judgement and Decree Dated 07.11.2025, in OS No. 25774/2025 passed by Sri. Onkarappa .R, XIII Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge, (CCH No. 22) Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **KAMALAMMA .T.N,** W/o Doraswamy A.G, age 72 years, presently R/at No. 60, 3rd Main, Opp. Jayadeva Hospital, K.E.B. Layout, BTM 1st Stage, Dharmaram College, Bengaluru-560 029 do hereby declare that I have changed my name/surname from **KAMALA, KAMALA SWAMY, KAMALA DORESWAMY, KAMALA TN & KAMALAMMA TARIKERE NARASINGAPPA** to **KAMALAMMA .T.N,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **KAMALAMMA .T.N** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 12-12-2025, sworn before Advocate and Notary **P.N. NAGESHA** at Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **Vaishnavi Prasad** D/o H R Arjun Prasad Dob 12-02-1996 Native Dist: Bangaluru, residing at 64/1 Bhoomika Sunrise, flat 013, 20th A main Road, Bengaluru 560083. I have changed my name **"Vaishnavi Prasad"** To **"VAISSH. P"** before Advocate and Notary by **Puttaraju**

AFFIDAVIT
I, **Shashi.S.M** D/o Mahesh.S.C, aged about 24 years, r/o No.171, Ganigara Beedi, Suttur Village, Nanjangud Taluk, Mysore District, changed my name as **Khushi.S.M** from **Shashi.S.M** Before Notary Public **R.SULAKSHANA** at Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **AKSHAY PARMAR, R/o: Purva Heights, B-708, Bilekahalli, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore – 560076 have changed my name to AKSHAY AJIT PARMAR for all purposes. affidavit dated 16/12/2025 sworn before advocate and notary BM CHANDRASHEKAR, Bangalore**

45 locks satellite and digital rights in record-breaking deal

Music composer Arjun Janya's directorial debut, produced under Suraj Productions and starring Shivarajkumar, Upendra, and Raj B Shetty, secures satellite and digital rights with Zee Network ahead of its Christmas release

Arjun Janya, Pramod Shetty, Raj B Shetty, Sudharani, Shiavarajkumar, Upendra, Ramesh Reddy and Seemanth Kumar Singh

CE FEATURES

THE buzz around *45* is growing louder and louder as the release date gets near. The multistarrer, which marks music director Arjun Janya's directorial debut, has officially locked its satellite and digital rights with Zee Network, ahead of its release on December 25.

Headlined by Shivarajkumar, Upendra and Raj B Shetty, the film has sealed what is being described as a record-breaking deal in the Kannada industry.

At a time when Kannada films are cautiously navigating the OTT space, *45* has taken a confident step even before audiences step into theatres. The early acquisition of satellite and digital rights stands out in a market where platforms often wait for box-office performance before committing. This move brings strong confidence in the film's scale, its ensemble and the strength of its content.

Following its theatrical run, *45* is expected to stream on Zee5, with Zee Network also handling the satellite broadcast.

Pan-India release backed by big distributors

Slated as a pan-India release, 45 will arrive in theatres across five languages—Kannada, Hindi, Tamil, Telugu and Malayalam—on Christmas Day. The film also brings together major distribution houses across regions. Zee Studios will release the film in North India, while KVN Productions will handle the film's release in Karnataka. Mythri Movie Makers will oversee the Telugu release, AGS will distribute the Tamil version, and Dulquer Salmaan's Wayfarer Films will release the Malayalam version through its Varpoorva banner. The wide distribution network positions *45* for a far-reaching theatrical footprint across the country.

A grand trailer launch

The grand trailer launch of *45*, produced by Suraj Productions, unfolded less like a routine film event and more like a moment of cinematic pride. Bengaluru City Police Commissioner Seemanth Kumar Singh officially unveiled the trailer and extended his wishes to the team. Adding to the scale of the moment, the trailer was launched simultaneously across Bengaluru and five other districts of Karnataka, turning the event into a shared statewide experience.

A director's fanboy moment

Following the launch, the core team, including Shivarajkumar, Upendra, Raj B Shetty, Sudharani, Pramod Shetty, director Arjun Janya and producer Ramesh Reddy came together to highlight the journey behind the film. For Arjun Janya, *45* is deeply personal. A long-time admirer of all three lead actors, he approached the project first as a fan and then as a director. Shivarajkumar, he shared, was the spark that inspired him to pursue filmmaking. The story was visualised through animation even before shooting began, helping define the film's tone and ambition early on.

Shivanna, Upendra and Raj on collaboration and scale

Shivarajkumar spoke warmly about collaborating with Upendra and sharing screen space with Raj B Shetty. He also mentioned Sudharani's special appearance and Pramod Shetty's role, while crediting producer Ramesh Reddy for backing the film without compromise.

He expressed confidence that *45* would mark an important milestone in Arjun Janya's journey.

Upendra widened the lens by shifting focus to the effort behind the camera. He highlighted the sustained work put in by the team over two years, crediting the producer's belief, the director's dedication and cinematographer Satya Hegde's visual sensibility. He also spoke fondly of working with Shivarajkumar and Raj B Shetty, noting the balance of experience and freshness they bring.

For Raj B Shetty, *45* was shaped by ease and conversation. He said that sharing space with two big stars was a grounding experience and very collaborative. He expressed hope that films like *45* travels beyond borders and leaves a lasting impact, reinforcing his belief that Kannada cinema is steadily expanding its reach.

Venkat Bharadwaj eyes summer 2026 release for *Rakky*

CE FEATURES

DIRECTOR, producer, and writer Venkat Bharadwaj, who had two theatrical releases in 2025, *Hyena* (January 31) and *Hey Prabhu* (November 7), is now gearing up for his next film. Titled *Rakky*, the film is a crime thriller that is expected to be a vibrant mix of style, energy, and entertainment. The film is produced by Suresh Saligrama under SNR Productions and is supported by Ashwini Puneeth Rajkumar.

The journey of *Rakky* began in March 2025, when Bharadwaj narrated two story ideas to Ashwini Puneeth Rajkumar. After her approval, the film was finalised and went through seven rounds of detailed script and dialogue revisions before shooting began on October 27, 2025, says Venkat. He has wrapped up the talkie portions, and two songs are scheduled for filming soon, while dubbing and post-production are currently underway.

Rakky Suresh, who plays the titular role, leads the cast, supported by an ensemble including B Suresha, Sampath Maitraye, Harini Srikant, Ashika Somashekar, Pallavi Manjunath, and GG, along with a strong technical team. Venkat Bharadwaj has also shared the first few stills of the lead hero, giving audiences an early glimpse of its tone and style and the character arc of the actor, who is making his debut with this film. Leading the film's female cast are Ashika Somashekar and Pallavi Manjunath.

A first promotional drop is expected to showcase a unique youth-oriented dance step, says the director. Venkat Bharadwaj is targeting a summer 2026 release and believes the film will appeal to audiences of all ages.

Rakky Suresh

UGRAYUDHAM IS THE REALISATION OF MY LONG-AWAITED DREAM: SRIIMURALI

The actor opens up about his next, a period drama directed by Puneeth Rudranag, based on a 700-year-old story. Intense preparation begins with the first look poster, as he talks about a legacy that inspires him

A SHARADHAA

AFTER 22 years in Kannada cinema, Sriimurali is finally stepping into a role he has long yearned for. The actor is set to headline Ugrayudham, a period drama directed by Puneeth Rudranag and produced by Jayaram Devasamudra under the Suram Movies banner. The makers, who had previously announced the project, have unveiled the actor's striking first-look poster. Sriimurali stands tall on a jagged rock amid stormy seas, gripping a sword, his ancient warrior attire flowing with the wind. Dark and dramatic visuals frame him as a figure of strength, valour, and resilience, setting the tone for a period story.

For the actor, this role has been his most personal. "This role was my dream. Twenty-two years in the industry, and I feel fortunate that this is finally happening," he shares, reflecting on a career spanning over two decades. While the film's title echoes the mass appeal of his blockbuster *Ugramm*, *Ugrayudham* carves its own identity. "The legacy of *Ugramm* comes with responsibility, and I am happy to embrace it," he adds.

The preparation for *Ugrayudham* has been as demanding as it is transformative. Sriimurali admits the role has tested him physically and mentally in ways he has never experienced before. "Even shooting the motion poster tested me. I'm learning things I never have for any other role in my career," he reveals. His admiration for his inspiration, the legendary Dr. Rajkumar, is evident. "Whenever I watched my uncle's films, especially Mayura and Babruvahana, I wondered when I would get such an opportunity. He is the only actor who could make you cry, smile, and feel justice for the character. He remains my guiding light in roles like this," Sriimurali explains.

Ugrayudham blends historical references with fiction, bringing a 700-year-old story to life on the big screen. Sriimurali emphasises that while the film draws from period elements, the narrative is ultimately shaped by the creative vision of the filmmakers, offering a blend of realism and imagination.

Alongside Ugrayudham, he is also preparing for Paraak, directed by Halesh Kogundi, which is set to begin shooting on December 22. "I hope to release at least one film in 2026, possibly two if everything aligns, aiming to deliver the best experience for the audience," he concludes.

Sriimurali

Gaston live-action film in the works

CE FEATURES

DISNEY is set to make a live-action film based on Gaston, one of the primary characters in *Beauty and the Beast* (1991). *Beauty and the Beast*, written by Gabrielle-Suzanne Barbot de Villeneuve in 1700s France, was first adapted as an animated film by Disney in 1991, and was later adapted as a live-action film in 2017. The character of Gaston was a hunter who relentlessly pursued Belle (the titular Beauty). The character was voiced by Richard White in the 1991 film, and was portrayed by Luke Evans in the 2017 adaptation. Dave Callaham is writing the script for the upcoming film, which has Michelle Rejwan on board as producer. A director for the film hasn't been finalised.

Geraldine Viswanathan joins Dig

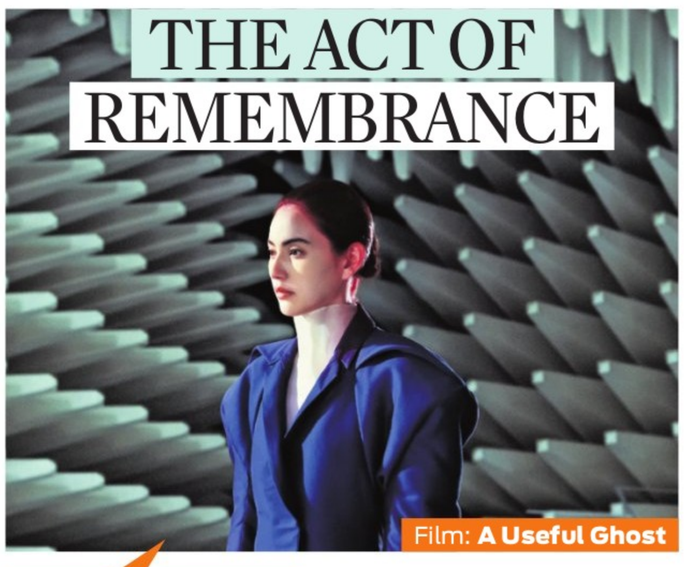
CE FEATURES

GERALDINE Viswanathan is the latest addition to the cast of *Dig*, a forthcoming comedy series developed by Amy Poehler and Mike Schur for Peacock. The project unites a strong ensemble and places its story in an unusual and intriguing setting.

Set at an archaeological excavation in Greece, the series centres on four women at very different turning points in their lives. Their routine work takes a dramatic turn when they stumble upon a long-hidden discovery that could alter the understanding of history itself, pulling them into an international conspiracy with far-reaching consequences.

Viswanathan will portray Dylan, a character who unexpectedly returns to the Greek *dig* site after being away for five years. Her reappearance is driven by unresolved personal matters, drawing her back into a space she once left behind. The show also stars Amy Poehler.

THE ACT OF REMEMBRANCE



Film: **A Useful Ghost**

CINEMA WITHOUT **BORDERS**

In this weekly column, the writer introduces you to powerful cinema from across the world

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CAUGHT as we are in the thick of an AQI crisis, the deluge of dust and epidemic of respiratory disease in Ratchapoom Boonbunchachoke's *A Useful Ghost* strikes an eminently relatable note. Not to forget the mention of "the government taking pollution seriously". But before you can even wonder if it as an environmental film or a cautionary tale about unbridled developmental activity—breaking down artistic murals and old shophouses to make way for modern malls—it reveals itself as one of the most enticing, enigmatic and thought-provoking films of the year.

Overwhelmed by the dust at home and in the city, an "academic ladyboy", as he describes himself, (Wisarut Homhuan), orders a vacuum cleaner. In the night, he hears it coughing and spewing out the very dirt it had cleaned all day. Krong (Wanlop Rungkumjad), the technician sent by the service centre, divulges a stupefying piece of information—that the machine is possessed by a ghost. In the story within the story format, Krong tells the ladyboy and, in turn, the audience, all about the haunted factory where the appliance was manufactured and the travails of the family that owns it. The man-machine love and war and the family's domestic issues keep taking fresh twists and turns, as new ghosts—from the romantic to the angry kinds—appear and disappear.

In the beginning, Boonbunchachoke's storytelling has a languid flow interjected with shots of black humour. The otherworldly game of love, desire, and seduction is as moving as it is mirthful. Remembrance is the key. Ghosts stay around so long as we hold on to memories of the people that they were. They get cast away if we forget them or if they no longer remain what the same person that they once used to be.

The performances are perfectly in sync. The technical aspects are as much in tandem. Pasit Tandaechanurat's camera, Chonlasit Upanigkit's editing and Chaibovon Seelukwa's music are beautifully synchronous to lend a rhythmic edge to Boonbunchachoke's filmmaking. But all of this cinematic harmony builds towards a chaotic, mayhem-filled end with heavy, intense music. *A Useful Ghost* stands out in the way Boonbunchachoke marks a gradual transition from the poetic and romantic to the larger, grim, contentious issues confronting his nation and its history. Deep inside the supernatural family dramedy beats a political heart.

On the one hand, there are the class wars housed right in the factory itself: the heartlessness, opportunism and materialism of the bourgeoisie as opposed to the silent workforce that is forced into a rebellion against its employer. On the other hand is the history of political violence, the inconvenient ghosts who are reminders of the atrocities of the past. "The ghosts of Viet Cong can't leave me alone," says an insomniac minister, who wants the surveillance of the dreams of the current lot of protestors to obliterate any thoughts in their minds of the preceding events. Should one erase those brutalities for personal gain? Would a mass exorcism of the ghosts absolve the guilty of their political crimes and sins? Can there be atonement without penance? Should the dead then not mess with the living? Though urban in its setting, *A Useful Ghost* reminded me of some of the author Vijaydan Detha's works in which the folklore and fantasy come with a profound allegorical, moral core.

The Thailand-France-Singapore-Germany co-production premiered in the parallel Critics' Week segment in Cannes, bagging its top prize. It was Thailand's entry for the Best International Feature Film Oscar, but it does not figure in the final list of films sent to Academy voters. Closer home, it was screened at the International Film Festival of Kerala on Sunday.